

RUSSIA REPLIES TO MANCHURIAN NOTE

Foreign Minister Says He is Ready to Make Terms with China.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 13.—M. Kozovoff, minister of finance, in an important statement tonight, declared the Russian railroad company had no desire to wield political power in Manchuria and was prepared to waive its right to control over the mountains of Harbin and other points if a satisfactory substitute could be devised.

This was the feature of the Russo-Chinese convention to which the United States and other powers objected. According to the minister, some form of municipal administration at Harbin, empowered to collect taxes for various public works and schools, is a self-evident necessity.

He said he was ready to discuss proposals entituting the necessary supervision to the consular body, but that the railroad would preserve the right to police its own premises and buildings. No objections could be raised to other features of the proposed municipal council, since they placed all foreign and Chinese residents on absolute equality.

The minister declared that the Russian railroad in Manchuria would not be withdrawn, as has been suggested. The detailed protest of China against the Russian memorandum sent to the powers in October declared specifically that the administration of affairs at Harbin does not concern Russia, and it was thought that this protest might be a preliminary to demands by China for the withdrawal of the Russian guards.

Confirming previous despatches, Kozovoff said Russia was ready to consider a serious proposal for the sale of the Manchurian railroad, either to China, America, or an international syndicate, or such a syndicate direct, although Russia would prefer to wait for the completion of the Amur railroad. He could not state the approximate terms on which the railroad would be disposed of, but he said that

the fact that Russia had invested \$175,000,000 in Manchurian railroads must be considered.

The minister declared a Berlin report that railroads in the Amur and Sino-Siberian lines would be purchased in the United States. Russian industry, he added, needed the contracts.

In conclusion, Kokovoff said that the Russo-Japanese War scare which was agitating the Russian press, was not to be taken seriously. The statement of Kokovoff foreshadows a satisfactory settlement.

MOTHER AWARDED CHILD BY COURT

After Absence in Alaska, Mrs. Goodman Gets Custody of Boy, Taken From Uncle.

Application was made by Mrs. Goodman to Judge Graham yesterday noon to restore to her the custody of her son, Bert Goodman, who on the first day of April last was taken from the custody of his grandmother and by order of the court placed in the custody of the County Humane Society.

William Harvey, Sr., who appeared for the County Humane Society, told the court he was there to support the application. He reminded the court that it had issued a warrant for the arrest of Jessie Grigsby for the cruel flogging of the child, and at the trial the grandmother had supported the uncle. Inasmuch as the flogging was excessive and inhuman, the court held that neither the grandmother nor the uncle were the persons to have the custody of the child and handed him over to the County Humane Society, since which time the child has been placed in the home of the mother's sister, who treated him kindly and sent him to school.

The mother has now returned from Alaska and wishes to take the child with her. On the understanding that the child was not to be given to the grandmother, the court made the order.

N. W. MOODEY HOME AFTER SAD MISSION

Attended Funeral of Father, Who Was One of Oldest Masons in United States.

N. W. Moody, accompanied by Mrs. Moody, returned last night from Alameda, after attending the funeral of his father, J. C. Moody, who died at the age of 83 last Wednesday night.

The funeral was held Sunday afternoon from the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Willis Minium. Rev. William Martin of the First Methodist church presided, assisted by Rev. J. W. Minium, father of Willis Minium. Rev. Minium was pastor of a Methodist church in Henry, Ill., 27 years ago when Mr. Moody was a resident of that city, and both were friends.

Mr. Moody was one of the oldest Masons in the United States. He was born and raised most of his life, than in this state. He was a widower, but survived by five sons and a daughter, J. G. Moody, of San Francisco; N. W. Moody of this city, R. C. Moody of Santa Rosa, J. T. Moody of St. Helena, William O. Moody, of Alexandria, La., and Mrs. Jennie Emerick of Alameda. The later is the mother of Mrs. Willis Minium, wife of an instructor in the Alameda High school.

Mr. Moody was born near Harrisburg, Penn. He resided in Eureka, O., and in 1847 became a member of the Masonic lodge of that city. In 1850 he moved from Ohio to Henry, Ill., where he engaged in the harness business. He remained a resident and business man of Henry, Ill., for nearly forty years, when he retired and came to California. While in Henry, Ill., he was always an active member of the Masonic fraternity and also an official member of the Methodist church of that city. About eleven years ago he moved to this state, going to Santa Rosa. He then resided with the Miniums in Berkeley for a year and later went to Petaluma. For the past six years and a half he had been residing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Minium.

Mr. Moody was a man of strong convictions and fearless when he knew he was right. He had strong opinions on all questions, particularly those that involved the interests of the nation.

GRAHAM VINEYARD SOLD FOR \$125,000

It was learned yesterday that the large vineyard of W. H. Graham near Reedley had been sold to a party of Los Angeles men, who are said to have paid approximately \$125,000 for the 50 acres of land.

The tract is in full bearing, consisting of vines and fruit trees. Several thousand dollars worth of improvements are included in the deal. The new owners announce that they will continue in the vineyard and orchard.

Continued in the vineyard and orchard, a tremendous price said to have been paid makes the deal one of the largest in 1909.

"RAFFLES" SCHEME WAS USED TO DEFRAUD

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 13.—Chief of Police Brownlow of Oregon, arrived here today to take back to the Utah city Mrs. L. V. Curry, her husband and Fred K. Ricker, charged with conspiracy to defraud. They are alleged to have obtained \$300 from an Ogden newspaper by having a young woman claim the reward which was offered for detection of Mrs. Curry, who as "Dolly Dimples" was doing a "Raffles" stunt. It is said that the trio will resist extradition.

Cut Glass for Christmas Gifts

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PROSECUTION OF CUSTOM HOUSE FRAUDS ARE TO BE THOROUGH.

ATTORNEY GENERAL MAKES COMMENT UPON OTHER LEGAL BUSINESS.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Negotiations

that the Department of Justice in

the efforts to recover all money due

the government as a result of sugar frauds

at New York to punish all who may

have participated in them, is shown

by the annual report of Attorney-Gen

eral Wickersham, made public today.

After briefly reciting the facts in the

case, which are of public knowledge,

he says:

"The evidence has disclosed a net-

work of corruption, not confined to

the American Sugar Refining Com-

pany. Extending over a period of

years, affecting both importers and

officers of the government, it is as yet

premature to state the precise extent

of the conspiracy or the amount of the

revenues of which the government has

been defrauded.

"Whilst it is feared that the statute

of limitations may have run in favor

of many of the malefactors who are

responsible for these frauds, yet no

effort will be spared to ascertain the

precise amount on which the govern-

ment has been defrauded, to recover

all money due and to punish all those

who may be found to have participated

in any respect in the frauds, whether

as officers or agents of the importers

or as officials of the government. I

earnestly request a special appropri-

ation of \$50,000 to enable this work to

be effectively prosecuted."

"FURTHER litigation touching the

"commodities clause cases" arising

under the Interstate Commerce Law

promised by the attorney-general

concerning the decision of the supreme

court in those cases. Wickersham says

it does not "necessarily determine

the application of the statute to cases

where the commodities transported are

owned by a corporation, all or sub-

stantially all, of whose stock is owned

by the carrier corporation at the time

of transportation, and especially where

the carrier shall have transferred all or

its interest in such commodities to a

purpose of evading the prohibition on

the commodities clause, and all, or

substantially all, of the stock of which

is owned by the carrier.

"These questions will be presented

for determination in the courts. If the

prohibition of the statute can be suc-

cessfully evaded by the simple device

of transfer of ownership of the prop-

erty to a corporation all of whose

stock shall be owned or controlled by

the carrier, Congress should amend the

statute so as to make it an effectual

and not a merely illusory prohibition,

or else repeat it."

"In the matter of public land fraud

prosecutions, the attorney-general

now respects his determination, no

respect to abate the effort to undo, so

far as may be, the frauds "which have

been for so long a time perpetrated by

private individuals of portions of pub-

lic domain contrary to the conditions

under which Congress has authorized

these lands to be patented."

Important recommendations con-

tained in the report include those for

a broadening of the right of appeal of

the government in criminal cases;

a repeal of section 860 of the revised

statutes regarding evidence in crimi-

nal cases; the enactment of a general

immunity statute to meet the condi-

tions which arise in the endeavor to

procure testimony for the govern-

ment; favoring national law provid-

ing for the indeterminate sentence,

and a modification of the statute fix-

ing the punishment for embezzlement

or misappropriation of the funds of a na-

tional bank at imprisonment for five

years.

The attorney-general refers to the

unatisfactory sanitary conditions at

the District of Columbia, which he

says is a disgrace to the national gov-

ernment, and he earnestly recommends

an appropriation to improve them.

LAND FRAUDS.

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News of Central California

16 YEAR LINDSAY GIRL MADERA COURT NAMES
LEAVES HOME WITH
PICTURE MAN

Two Warrants Issued for
Operator of Film
Theater.

Girl Seen on Train; Man is
Supposed to Have Gone
to Los Angeles.

VISALIA, Dec. 13.—A man named Johnson has notified the sheriff's office that a sister-in-law, named Ruth Warren, 16 years old, has departed with a man named Pontiac who for some time has been in charge of a moving picture show at Lindsay owned by Attorney Earl Hagby of this city. The couple are supposed to have left on the train for the north yesterday morning, but there is good reason to believe they have gone south.

While at Lindsay the two posed as brother and sister, although the girl lived with the Johnsons. She sold tickets at the box office.

[Mr. Hagby at Lindsay today reports that the two came to the till, taking up Saturday night's receipts. There was \$100 due both, but they got away with more than was coming to them, he says. This evening he announced that he would swear out a warrant against Pontiac for felony abdication. Johnson had had a warrant issued for the man on a charge of abduction.

The girl departed without taking either hat or wraps and had no money or far as known. A man has been found who saw the girl on the train yesterday but did not see Pontiac. It is believed, therefore, that he is travelling with her as he was in another part of the train. Officers who he left on another train for the south and that the couple are either now in Los Angeles or out of the state. Pontiac is about 16 years of age. He is said to be married to a step-sister of the girl's but where the wife is or whether she is living or divorced is not stated.

Mr. Hagby believes that Somtg has been "knocking down" or receipts from the show for two weeks or more and that his loss is about \$100.

Last Tuesday Mr. Hagby sold the show to E. C. Plummer of Lindsay, but the latter was not to take possession until today.

Documents filed in the office of the equity recorder for the year up until today number over 10,000. Within ten days yet to go this morning an estimate is that the number will be considerably in excess of 10,000 by the end of the year. There is a large increase over last year when the documents filed numbered only 8,200, and the year before when the number was same, something over 7,000. The increase of nearly 3,000 per cent over last will be nearly 33 per cent or nearly a third more.

The above is interesting as showing the rapidity with which land in this county is changing hands, as the great bulk of the filings have to do with land transactions. In addition to the numbered documents, there are probably 4,000 that are not recorded by number, but which have to do with the total amount of business transacted.

Judge Clark this afternoon meted out sentences to five boys, bringing from 100 to 180 days each. These are the heaviest penalties imposed in several years. The men fledgling promptly.

Officer T. M. Stewart returned this evening from Fresno, bringing Slade Crane, who together with James Hutchinson stole a surrey and span of horses Saturday night which they abandoned near Escondido and went to Fresno on the train. The two men held at the police jail until they can have a hearing before Judge Williams in the Juvenile court.

Hutchinson has been mixed up in several escapades but not of a criminal nature. Some months ago, while employed as an elevator boy for a local department store, he left, after receiving his pay check without notice to employers or parents and some weeks later was located in Bakersfield.

Young Crane stole a bicycle here some weeks ago and was out on probation at the time of his latest escapade.

Young Quinn of Quinn, who the Hutchinson boy attempts to bring into the trouble, tells the officers that he was impounded by Hutchinson to run away with him, and several other boys tell a like story.

DENIES NEW TRIAL.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa, Dec. 13.—Judge Green in this circuit court to day overruled the motion for a new trial in the case of John R. Dobbins, convicted of taking part in the alleged robbery of T. W. Ballew, the Princeton, Mo., banker of \$30,000 by means of a fake horse race. Dobbins was given an indeterminate sentence of not more than five years. Notice of appeal to the Supreme Court of the state was at once given and Dobbins was released on a bond of \$5,000.

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Who Is Ill

His Case First Diagnosed
by Physicians as
Smallpox.

PORTERVILLE CIVIC BODIES
Contract for a Boost
Write-up of Section.

PORTERVILLE, Dec. 13.—C. H. Claubes, one of the most widely known orchardists of the Porterville district is dead at his country home near Porterville as the result of an attack of glanders, undoubtedly contracted from driving horses which he owned and which were afflicted with this dread disease. Mr. Claubes had been ill for some days, although it was not until the past week that his condition was one of more than ordinary concern to his family. When an eruption appeared to mark his malady, physicians were called and smallpox was suspected. The victim's home was isolated for a time, while pending microscopic tests and when these showed that the diagnosis of the disease was incorrect, the history of the affection which caused his death was learned.

Mr. Claubes was one of the prominent Masons of the county and state. He has served in an official capacity in the lodge for years and his three sons, Todd, C. Harry and Leslie Claubes have also been prominent lodge workers. The funeral services are to be conducted with the ceremony of the Masonic order.

Besides the widow and the three sons named, there is a daughter, Lillian, all of the members of the family being at the bedside when the end came.

The nominating committee of the Chamber of Commerce has submitted the incumbents and board of directors for election for the coming term, the names to be voted upon at the annual election and banquet of the organization to be held early in January. Those who have been placed in nomination include W. F. Burtlett, G. L. Orls, W. E. Prentiss, M. E. De Witt, J. F. Wright, A. J. De Laury, E. G. Graham. It is probable that there will be no additions to this list.

Members of the Chamber of Commerce and "Merchants" Association have subscribed \$350 for publicity work which is to be done in a Los Angeles paper. The material for an illustrated magazine article has been prepared and forwarded. Several thousand copies of the paper containing this matter are to be generally distributed through the "Business" Commerce Publicity Bureau during the coming spring. In view of the Chamber of Commerce for the past month have averaged better than fifteen a day, a few letters coming from those who have heard of the Porterville section and who wish more detailed information.

Warrants of arrest were issued this afternoon for "John Doe Thomas" and "Richard Roe." Thomas upon an allegation of flagrant cruelty to animals, the charge being preferred by Ernest G. Eardley, the secretary of the Tulare County Humane Society, whose offices are in this city. The two named are father and son, Thomas the elder being the superintendent of the Putney orchards, a short distance from this city. It is stated by the officers that Thomas and his son are inhuman in the treatment of their dray horses. Neighbors, it is stated, have told of hearing the sound of beating of their animals for a distance of a quarter of a mile. It is alleged that one horse has been so worked without sleep upon hard roads that the animal's hoofs were worn down to the quick; and it is also alleged that one animal scarcely able to walk has been beaten down during almost the daily work of a sound horse.

Plans have been drawn and the contract let for the transformation of the Larson building at the corner of Main and Oak streets into a modern store building. The lower store has been used as a department store for some years, and rapid expansion of business making necessary more room.

A proposal was made by the lessee of the building that if the upper stories were arranged for store purposes, the building thoroughly modernized, the entire structure would be devoted to department store purposes. The new plan contemplates partition of five four-paned windows on the Main and Oak street frontage of the building, and with pane glass show windows will be placed on the second floor.

Electric lighting will be upon the most approved modern lines. Work is to begin on the construction work within the next few days. The upper floors have been occupied by the Sunbeam Hotel, and it is stated that the proprietors of this place have in view a new building.

There was received at the Chamber of Commerce exhibit room today a sample case from the state insectary at Sacramento, sent by order of J. W. Jeffrey, state horticultural officer.

The case contains a large number of little glass receptacles in which are specimens of all the insect pests which have thus far been identified and which will form a basis for comparison when new bugs are reported from the orchards of the Porterville district.

In a letter accompanying the gift, Edward K. Carnes, superintendent of the state institution, congratulates the county on its freedom from pests.

Stores are making large display of all forms of holiday goods and report business as very good—that the Christmas shows are not buying early.

Plans are being made for various Christmas, New Years, and holiday week gatherings of different kinds, and some residents will spend that happy season with friends elsewhere. Of course, there will be the customary family reunions.

The Fowler Conservatory of Music will present the cantata "Uncle Sam and Santa Claus" Friday and Saturday evenings, December 17th and 18th, in the hall. A large number of characters will take part, and have been carefully drilling for the occasion.

Persons who have in other places seen and heard this cantata agree that when properly rendered it is very attractive.

NEVADA BROKER WILL FIGHT EXTRADITION

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 13.—Steps were taken today for the extradition to Nevada of D. R. Huyke, of Goldfield, a former broker accused of having issued a worthless check for \$1,360 to cover in margin during the financial crisis of 1907. Huyke was arrested in this city yesterday after a two years search. He had been employed for some time as collector for a newspaper, passing under his right name.

At the time of his flight, Huyke was reported to be a man of high financial standing. He did a big business in stocks of all kinds and his disappearance caused a sensation. He has announced that he will fight extradition.

Come in and let us show you what a useful and acceptable gift we can supply in this way.

OPPENHEIMER MUST HANG.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.—Jacob Oppenheimer, the San Quentin convict, found guilty of murder, must hang, according to a decision of the Supreme Court today. The four court panel is maintained. Oppenheimer is known as the most desperate criminal in the state, notwithstanding his having attained several years and fellow inmates. He will be hanged for having killed another prisoner.

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EX-POLICEMAN IS NOW A PREACHER

Says There Is No Place for a God-Fearing Man in the Department.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—"Jack" Brown, a strapping policeman who quit the force, swore off liquor and turned evangelist, announced yesterday some of his conclusions after spending a year with the aid of prayer instead of the night stick. Here they are in brief:

"The police department of a big city is an express train to hell. I decided to take the express so I left it. Then I changed my car and am on an express to heaven."

"A policeman can be a Christian as well as any one else if he wants to, but no one ever heard of one wanting to. Besides, if he was one, he would have to leave the department. There is no place there for a God-fearing man of honest purposes."

"If the police of the city followed Christ's example they would help more to wipe out sin than all the preachers in the world. Think what it would be if they gave a helping hand to the weak, had pity for the Magdalen, a sympathetic ear for human suffering."

"I believe in an old-fashioned church, no denominations, just the religion of Jesus. I try to live every day to be more like Him, and that is the religion I teach my flock."

COLOMBIANS FAIL TO ADOPT TREATY

United States is Indifferent to Action by South American Republics as to Panama.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The State Department has been officially notified of the adjournment of the Colombian Congress, to meet again on June 16th. The treaty between the United States and Colombia, which was signed in this city on January 9th, was not laid before the Congress, as it was well understood that if presented, it would have been rejected. This was one of three treaties between the United States and Panama, the United States and Colombia, and Panama and Colombia, following the secession of Panama.

In urging the adoption of these treaties, the United States was actuated only by a desire to put the governments of Colombia and Panama on a more amicable basis, and so far as the United States is concerned, the adoption or rejection of the treaties is of little consequence.

RECEIVER IS APPOINTED FOR IMPERIAL VALLEY COMPANY

EL CENTRO, Cal., Dec. 13.—W. A. Hollibird, of Los Angeles, was appointed today receiver of the California Development Company and bonds in the sum of \$250,000 were deposited with the Superior Court of Imperial County. Hollibird is to act as general manager of the property and proceed with development and permanent structural work on the great system through which water is supplied to this valley.

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For further particulars we refer you to our show windows where many sample bargains are displayed.

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SAVE THE TREES!

Which is the easier to move, a tree, or a pencil mark on paper? The tree, apparently, considering the amount of time it takes to get a pavement laid out to conform to the actual conditions of the ground, when these differ from the marks on the official map.

The latest is the proposal to cut down the trees on Forthcamp avenue, and make room for the new pavement. Those trees are ten years old. It would take ten more years to grow others like them. It would take ten seconds to draw a new line on the map, marking the theoretical curb where the actual curb now is. Doubtless that will be done, but it will take a deal of time to get it done.

Forthcamp avenue is a narrow street and it has a street railroad on it, which is to be double tracked. That is a disadvantage of the street, but it is a disadvantage which existed when the present owners of property on that avenue bought their property and they chose to put up with that disadvantage in consideration of the many other advantages of the street. One of these advantages is the fact that it is the one through street west of Blackstone where it is possible to get from the old city to the newer additions without dodging around misfit corners. Whoever first laid out the whole northern additions to the town ought to have his bones dug up and publicly hanged. One of the crimes committed in that boom lay-out was making the one through street the narrowest of all. But it is too late to remedy it, and we must take the consequences. To cut down the trees on Forthcamp avenue would not cure the difficulty, and it would waste ten years in the beautification of North Park. It would be to cap the ancient crime with a modern one.

Let Forthcamp avenue remain as it is, but save the trees!

RECRUITS.

The San Jose Mercury comes out in a displayed editorial, squarely favoring organized action to rid the state of the domination of the political bureau of the Southern Pacific.

"The system that has prevailed in this state for so long," says the Mercury, "is not only injurious in principle and disgusting to a self-respecting people, but is subversive of proper public sentiment and prevents the deliberate and sober-minded consideration of matters of great public concern. It matters not how fairly or honestly they may try to do it, the naming of the offices who are to frame and administer the laws of a state should never be left to the paid officers or agents of a single corporation doing business in the state." The Mercury then goes on to state that the people have become numbed at the sight of Burke, Parker and Hutton controlling conventions and legislatures; that these men and the officials whose nominations they procure necessarily take orders from the head of the railroad bureau, instead of from the people; and adds that the direct primary now gives opportunity to destroy this system. "This can be certainly and permanently done in one way only. The sentiment that calls for competent, clean, independent public officials must be organized and wisely directed." To this end the Mercury stands ready to co-operate in a wise, just and comprehensive effort to restore to the people the power which is inherently theirs.

The Mercury does not say so, but we hope it means that the Mercury and its publishers are willing to co-operate in support of the Lincoln-Roosevelt League. Or, if they object to that, that they have a reason for their objection and have something else practical to suggest. The publishers of the Mercury, while standing for independence and good government in San Jose politics, have not always had this attitude in state politics. One of them was nominated for Congress at least once by the direct act of the Herrin machine, and more than once with its co-operation. The other was Abe Rue's candidate for governor, only four years ago. When they speak of the power of the railroad machine, they are not speaking by rumor, but by direct personal knowledge. We may assume that neither of them ever enjoyed the sort of sponsorship the machine provided, but they deal with the situation as they found it, and accepted support from the source where power resided. We are glad to know that they have seen the light, and now stand ready not merely to declare their personal independence, but to assist any organized effort to destroy the power whose sinister force they too well know. The Mercury is a valuable and well informed witness for the truth.

PARTY AND FACTION.

Edward Inley of the Sacramento Union, in a long signed editorial, manifests a lot of interest, which we hope is genuine. In the alleged development of the views of the editor of the Republican toward that goal of wisdom set by the Inley views.

We will give all due credit for infallibility to Mr. Inley, and perhaps in time we may come to share all his views, as we do in many of them. But at least do not misunderstand the views you criticize.

The Union man is particularly pugnacious in the Republican's defense of the right of the Eddie Roosevelt League faction of the Republican party to hold a pre-primary convention, while denying the same right to the other members of the party.

It is a fact, however, that would indeed

logical. But that is not what we claim. We freely concede the right of any faction as a faction, to hold a pre-primary convention, and we hope the "regulars" as a faction, will exercise that right. What we object to is the pretense of any such faction to be the party, or its arrogating to itself the right to call its convention as a party convention. If it really is the party, then it needs no convention, since the party primaries are its convention. If it is only a faction of the party, then it should act accordingly as such.

We are aware that the New York law proposed by Governor Hughes violates this principle. It calls for a pre-primary convention by the party as such. But the Hughes plan is in principle utterly illogical, and it is not made logical by the eminent character of its sponsor. It may, nevertheless, be temporarily practical, under the conditions in New York. We don't know. At any rate, it is not practical in California, and it is not defensible in principle anywhere.

Mr. Inley also advocates the application of the "Berkeley plan" to state politics. That is queer. The purpose of the Berkeley plan is to abolish parties; the purpose of the Hughes plan is to preserve them. Parties ought to be abolished, in city elections. In state politics, they ought to survive or perish, as the people will, being neither artificially disrupted nor artificially riveted, by any law.

WORLD'S FAIR.

It is to be hoped that San Francisco and San Diego will compose their differences in regard to the World's Fair, to be held in honor of the completion of the Panama canal. Unless California agrees, Congress will not help, and there will be no World's Fair. There may be a state celebration, and if there is it would better be held at San Diego, just to remind us that the new outlet is southward, and that San Diego is the first American port of entry.

But if, instead of being a state celebration, it is to be a national and international one, it would seem that San Francisco is the obvious place to hold it. From the world's standpoint, this is a Pacific celebration, and San Francisco is the world's gate to the Pacific. If it were to be only a celebration of the increased importance of the nearest port, the place to hold it would be Panama or Colon. But since it is to be a celebration of the wedding of two oceans, the place to celebrate it is in the metropolis of the Western ocean. San Diego may become that metropolis some day. It is not now.

As a matter of fact, it is physically impossible to hold a World's Fair at San Diego. The town has not, and can not, build the accommodations necessary for a world-crowd. Nor would the world-crowd go there. You can call the "people," but like Gladstone's spirits from the vast deep, "they will come." The thing simply can not be done.

"They can hold a fair at San Diego, and it would be a good thing to have it. But the holding of it there makes it a state fair. That may be, after all, the best thing to do. But if we have World's Fair ambitions we must carry them out on a World's Fair scale—and the only place where there is room for that is Los Angeles or San Francisco.

SPARE US!

George Bernard Shaw has been invited by Charles Frohman to spend Christmas in New York, and refuses to come, saying that there is no reason why anybody who can be in London should care to go to America. America is two hundred years behind the times, anyway, and not fit to live in.

Besides, George is afraid of being arrested as soon as he lands, to prevent his good looks from leading the women of America astray. Also "there is another good reason why I should not go to America. If I do, everything else will stop. The people will cease to be interested in politics, commerce, art or anything else. Nicaragua may shoot all the Americans it likes. Then the shots will not be heard in the din of silly talk about Bernard Shaw. I should be a public nuisance, an interruption, a ramrod stuck into the national machinery. For America's sake I'll spare her, by staying at home."

Amen, good Bernard; spare us! For if you come over, you would be a "din of silly talk about Bernard Shaw," and you would do the talking and make the din. Your good looks would not scare anybody, but your impudent tongue might. Anyhow, America is too far behind the times for you. We do not recognize your jurisdiction, nor anybody's, to revise the Ten Commandments.

POWER SITES.

According to the New York Sun, the sub-committee of the House committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce has had under consideration the question of granting leases to power companies to water on navigable streams or on non-navigable streams located on public land. The committee has reached the conclusion that it would be unconstitutional to charge rental, either for the water or for the land, so it proposed a bill providing for fifty-year leases, with or without charge or rental, but terminable at the option of the government at the end of the fifty years, the lessees to pay the government, in that case, enough to pay for removing dams or other obstructions.

We can hardly suppose this report to be accurate, at least as to the non-navigable streams, where the dam could not possibly be an obstruction, other than an asset, and where, in any case, the cost of removing the obstructing portion of it would be nominal. That would be like granting a water company in a city a fifty-year franchise, without payment, except an agreement on the part of the company that if the public wished to acquire the plant at the end of fifty years, the company would then pay the expense of destroying that plant.

Edward Inley, of the Sacramento Union, in a long signed editorial, manifests a lot of interest, which we hope is genuine. In the alleged development of the views of the editor of the Republican toward that goal of wisdom set by the Inley views.

We will give all due credit for infallibility to Mr. Inley, and perhaps in time we may come to share all his views, as we do in many of them. But at least do not misunderstand the views you criticize.

The Union man is particularly pugnacious in the Republican's defense of the right of the Eddie Roosevelt League faction of the Republican party to hold a pre-primary convention, while denying the same right to the other members of the party.

buildings. Of course the thing is too ridiculous to contemplate, and we are sure the Sun correspondent must have got it muddled, somehow.

Also, it is true that the Congressional committees are ready to give away the water powers, without fee or reserved control, it will soon enough become evident that there is executive interference in the way, now quite as much as in the days of Roosevelt. Congress would have given away the sites long ago, except for the threat of veto from Roosevelt. Now comes Taft's message, Ballinger's report, and Pinchot's policy, all insisting, though in different ways, on the Roosevelt principle. Ballinger, in fact, is standing so straight he is leaning backward. He would not even loan land to the power companies until they have first transferred their water rights to the United States, so that they will hold the water also on leasehold. He proposes to do by contract, as Roosevelt and Pinchot did, what the House committee thinks can not be done by statute. President Taft is standing by Ballinger, and his promised special message on conservation is not going to advocate giving away water rights in perpetuity, for no charge except the price of destroying them, fifty years from now.

Now that Dr. Cook has so mysteriously disappeared, we are reminded that his chief Eskimo companion was named (as nearly as civilized letters can spell it) "I-took-a-shook." Evidently it runs in the party.

TRAFFIC TO PASS
THROUGH ANDES

A barrier which separated workmen approaching from opposite directions in a tunnel through the Andes was partly broken down a few days ago. Thus is insured the closing of a gap of fifteen miles between the railroad systems of Chile and the Argentine Republic, perhaps by next March. The finishing touches may be given to the passageway, the height and width of which are identical with those of the Simplon tunnel, and tracks must be laid, but it is expected that both tasks can be performed inside of three months. Direct communication between Valparaiso and Buenos Ayres will then be established.

The tunnel proper is not more than two miles long, but much trouble was experienced in constructing the coast-ends part. The rock strata there were badly tilted and fissured, and water-melting snow had percolated between them. Owing to the soft and crumbly character of the material to be removed, the engineers were beset with greater embarrassments than if, as was the case in Chile, they had been called on to force their way through granite. Before the excavation was completed in Argentina, the contractors who originally undertook the job gave up in despair. In view of the delay caused by the necessity for engaging others, the progress made is highly creditable, for work was not begun until 1926.

The air-line distance from Valparaiso to Buenos Ayres is about 750 statute miles, and the time which is soon to be made available will probably not be more than 1600 miles long. The tunnel which completes the new route is shorter than several in the United States, but the establishment of through travel overland from the Pacific to the Atlantic for the first time south of the Isthmus of Panama will be a notable event. The Andes have been crossed before by railways which have traversed mountain passes. Chile has long had communication with Bolivia in this manner and in Peru there are short lines reaching over the Cordillera. Until now, however, it has been impossible to go from ocean to ocean across South America without a change in methods of transportation.

BRAVE SOW SAVES
PIGS FROM FOX

Martin Specht, a farmer of Weston, thought Hallowe'en pranks were starting rather early one evening recently when he heard a loud commotion in his big pig sty. He started out, but on reaching the pen, Specht found the excitement was due to the presence of some strange animals which had been called on to force their way through granite. Before the excavation was completed in Argentina, the contractors who originally undertook the job gave up in despair.

"I estimate two years might be added to the average span of each human life in the United States if the entire nation turned to the transmission of diseases by flies. This would mean a saving of 170,000,000 years of human life, or 4,900,000 lives of the present average length, incidentally a money-saving of about \$20,000,000,000.

He offered an explanation of the recent typhoid epidemic in New York which is at variance with the opinion of the health department.

"More than one hundred cases," said he, "occurred almost within the limits of one block. This block was model tenement house row, with the proper plumbing and up-to-date sanitation, but close to it were two stables and two open lots. These places were swarming with house flies and the same flies were coming in and out of the tenement house windows and alighting on the exposed food of adjoining shacks. The attention of the health department was called to the condition, and disinfection was recommended. The department still believes the ---table source of the epidemic was water or possibly milk, did not disinfect the open lots, so far as could be learned, and the epidemic continued throughout the fly season.

"Inasmuch as the milk supplied to

this section was the same as in several other parts of the borough, where no typhoid occurred, and also

inasmuch as the water was from the same source as the rest of the city, the conditions were not bad. It seemed almost incredulous that any other source of infection than flies could have been considered.

A canvas of the neighborhood showed

that the people were all boiling their drinking water, and most of them

boiling their milk, but that none of them had been instructed to guard

against flies."—New York Press.

THE POWER OF BEAUTY

A beautiful woman, a beautiful rose, and a beautiful sunset are the mysteries of life for which one would gladly live life again." So wrote Helene, and who can recognize that these mysteries are not about us—if only occurring in our lives—feel too, that it is only the superlative of which the poet spoke and which we admire.

Beauty in woman is often only a phrase—a mere courtesy quality as it were—and in this the comparative sense beautiful women are as pleasant as good women or clever women. But real beauty—perfection of form and feature and coloring, and "every wondrous attribute" in woman that ever snared Apollo—is only seen in one among a million. Such beauty is power.

The world cannot resist its such beauty, though the possessor be of lowly birth, can move onward and upward, without other influence, without brains, without breeding, in fame and wealth and high station.

On the other hand, the poor, the

ugly, the ill-tempered, the

ungracious, the unkind, the

uncharitable, the unkind, the

unfriendly, the unkind, the

unkind, the unkind, the

GLOVE ORDERS.

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MERCHANT-
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Special Sale of Wheel Goods In the Toy Department Today

An opportune Sale that means a big saving. We are crowded for room and want to move all bulky goods quickly.

Toy Wagons

Best wagon on the market; painted red, wheels dark green; all wrought iron reinforced gears; steel loop handles.

Body 6x12, 2 1/2 and 5 inch wheels, specially priced 60c

Body 6x12, 6 and 9 inch wheels, specially priced 81.00

Body 12x22, 8 and 11 inch wheels, specially priced 81.25

Body 12x24, 8 and 12 inch wheels, specially priced 81.75

Body 12x28, 10 and 13 inch wheels, specially priced 82.00

Body 14x28, 11 and 14 inch wheels, specially priced 82.25

Body 15x30, 12 and 15 inch wheels, specially priced 82.50



Automobiles

Very large assortment of automobiles in town, including the newest things out; the "Million" auto, body 12x30, with 8 and 14 inch wheels, finished in special auto red and striped; gears and wheels green; starting crank, license tag and front apron. Pullman auto with steel tires, special 83.75

Pullman auto with rubber tires, special 84.50

Big assortment of automobiles, including autos, for \$2 up to \$15.

Our Leader Hand-car

\$3.00

Our Leader Hand-car, wrought steel propelling handle; green finish; length 21 inches, width 17 inches, height 12 inches; seat 7x12; wood cross handle; seat and frame rails finished in special auto red with gold stripes; steel tired wheels, gold stripes; steel tired wheels, crank axle drive; special 32.00

Same thing in larger size, special 33.50

Same thing in larger size, special 37.50

GUARANTEED SILK PETTICOATS \$4.95

Dresden, Rajah and Plain Taffeta

\$4.95

Petticoats, the equal of any \$17.50 silk skirt sold in town; many choice styles; twenty rich colors; every petticoat made of a guaranteed silk. Big sale starts this morning at 9 o'clock and continues until the line is closed out. Special at 17.50

BEDDING

10-4 Cotton Blankets 79c

Extra fine quality 10-4 Cotton Blankets, in tan, gray and white, with colored borders; large size for double bed. Special at 79c

12-4 Cotton Blankets \$1.49

A very large, heavy 12-4 Cotton Blanket in white, gray or tan; full size for double bed; an extra good value 1.49

Extra Large Cotton Comforters \$1.95

Extra large size Cotton Comforter for double bed; in light and dark colors; tufted and stitched; filled with best white carded cotton. Special 1.95

DRESS GOODS

50c and 59c Dress Fabrics 39c

An endless variety of all the new fashion fabrics in sateen, stripes and Venetian; every new wanted color; all 50c and 59c values to-day.

All 85c and 89c Dress Goods 59c

A splendid line of colors in fine quality Fall Dress Goods; all the latest weaves; regular 50c and 59c grades; special today 59c

4-yard Silk Waist Patterns \$1.75

A splendid Xmas gift; 4-yard patterns of silk suitable for waists; endless variety and colors; regular 50c and 59c values to-day; 4-yard waist patterns 1.75

SHOES

Infants' 75c Kid Shoes 49c

Infants' Kid Shoes with patent leather tips and soft glove kid uppers; leather with hard turned toes in all sizes from 2 to 5 1/2; in all quality; special 49c

Sale of Boys' Calf School Shoes

Boys' nobby box calf school shoes, made on the new roundest last with extension soles; all solid leather throughout; a good wet weather shoe.

Sizes 9 to 13 1/2. Special 81.25

Sizes 14 to 2. Special 81.50

Sizes 2 1/2 to 5 1/2. Special 81.75

Ladies' 75c Waterproof Spats 49c

Ladies' all wool waterproof spats; made with 6 buttons; come in black, brown and green; the regular 75c quality; for tomorrow; special 49c

SPECIAL ITEMS FOR MEN
In the Furnishing Goods AisleA Great Suspender
Special 25c

The famous "Pioneer" brand suspenders, in light and silk webs; wide and narrow widths; large variety of patterns; good quality of trimmings; French kid and calf embossed; a value worth double the price asked 25c

Men's New Neckwear 25c

Men's Cashmere Half Hose 25c

Men's natural gray Half Hose; 2 weights, light and medium; perfectly seamless; reinforced heels and toes; all sizes, 9 1/2 to 12; also in black. Special value 25c

Final Clean-Up in the Millinery Parlors
Choice of any Trimmed Hat in
the House--For Today \$3.98

XMAS SPECIALS IN THE FANCY GOODS

Children's Purses 48c

Beautiful Ribbon Coat Hangers \$1.50 and \$2.00 Fancy Ribbons 69c

Magnificent fancy ribbon coat hangers; made of the finest quality satin finish ribbon, in exquisite designs; finished with rosettes of narrow ribbons, to match, perfumed with sachet powder; big assortment to select from; specially priced at 69c

35c and 50c Fancy Ribbons at 25c

Hundreds of pretty designs in wide fancy ribbons for fancy work; Dresden stripes and warp prints; 4 1/2 to 5 1/2 inches wide; beautiful quality and every wanted color combination; values up to \$2.00 a yard, special at 25c

Sale of Sample Wool Hose 25c

A big lot of ladies' wool hose; the sample line of a big New York Importing house; hundreds of different kinds; black, gray and navy; actual values up to \$1.00 a pair, special at 25c

\$4.00 Umbrellas at \$2.39

Ladies' 28-inch umbrellas made on national frames with steel rods; covered with fine piece dyed taffeta; mounted with gold plated and sterling silver handles; big assortment; \$4.00 values, special at 2.39

A big line of Children's Fancy Imported Hand Bags and Chain Bags; a big sample line, no two alike; all kinds of leather, all styles and colors; purses in the lot worth up to \$1.50 each on special sale at 48c

Ladies' \$1.00 Kid Gloves at 79c

Ladies' 2-class Kid Gloves in black, brown, tan, mink, navy and green; regular \$1.00 quality; Paris joint stitching; all sizes; special at 79c

Ladies' \$1.50 Mocha Gloves \$1.29

A very fine grade of Mocha Kid Gloves; in best shades of tan, mink and gray; 2-class length; all sizes; the regular \$1.50 quality; special 1.29

Ladies' Flannelette Petticoats 29c

Ladies' Flannelette Petticoats; made of fine heavy quality flannelette in pink and blue stripes; cut very full and made with deep ruffles; buttonhole stitched edge; value for 29c

Holiday Gifts
That Are of Use

Do not neglect to look over our stock of
ELECTRIC PORTABLE LAMPS,
ANDIRONS AND FIRE SCREENS,
CHAFING DISHES AND PERCOLATORS,
FIVE-O'CLOCK TEAS,
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WEATHER CONDITIONS

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17. The following maximum and minimum temperatures are reported from Eastern stations for previous day: Chicago 35-31; New York 34-30; Omaha 20-22. Forecast, San Joaquin Valley fair on Tuesday, warmer; light west winds.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

Precipitation has been quite general during the last 24 hours, east of the Rocky mountains, and accompanying storm now central over the time, the lake region. Show is falling on the North Atlantic coast, where low temperatures prevail, and rain is falling at several interior points. The greatest precipitation reported, 1.76 inches, occurred at Missoula.

Precipitation continues in the Pacific Northwest, but an area of high pressure is overrunning the Pacific slope and the conditions are favorable for generally fair weather in Fresno and vicinity tonight and Tuesday, though there will be more or less cloudiness at intervals. If the sky clears tonight frost is likely Tuesday morning.

W. D. FULLER, Local Forecaster.

AIR temperature 43
Highest temperature yesterday 44
Lowest temperature yesterday 41
Humidity (percentage of) 55
Wind S.W. (mi. per hr.) 7
Thursday 40.

LOCAL BREVITIES

Visit Hollands' grocery department when doing your Christmas shopping. Ask for Danish Creamery butter. Dr. Cockrell, dentist, Patterson Block. Kate Parsons, florist, 1915 Fresno St. Sunflower seed, Hollis-Parsons Seed Co. Willow wood \$6 per cord delivered. Phone Main 49. Alfalfa seed, 16c and 18c. C. M. Chaton corner Fresno and C. Keep your valuables in a safe deposit box at Fresno National bank. Costs \$3 a year.

Christmas Gifts for men at Nyman's, excellent gents' furniture and hatters. 1936 Mariposa St. See windows.

When you do your Christmas shopping, don't forget to make a Christmas present of your Kutner coupons to the Y. W. C. A.

Hog feed 10 ton, Caprock oil cake, Cowron Oil cake meal, California Products Co., south end of Q street and Butler Avenue.

The regular meeting of the Ladles' Aid Society of the First M. E. church will be held at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon in the church parlor.

The Welcome Circle of First Presbyterian church will meet Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 with Mrs. S. F. Glasgow, 2125 Tuolumne street.

The lone tender of Holland & Holland to furnish the county with grocery supplies has been rejected. A call has been ordered published for new bids, while the superintendents will open on the 21st inst.

Incorporation has been had by the filing of articles by the Saxon Made Oil company of Coalinga, with \$100,000 authorized and \$50 unexpired stock, shares of the par value of \$1 each. Subscribers are W. R. Gullison, J. L. Long, W. P. Walsh, R. F. Hiner, and G. C. Mathewson for 10 shares. They are also the officers.

Free--45c--Free. To the person having the greatest number of Yosemite Valley coupons by January 1 to be found in every park, the holder of Party Flap will be given \$1 in gold absolutely free. These coupons will also be applied to the Yosemite free trip contest. Coupons with name and address written plainly upon each must go in the Fresno office, the "Uncle Josh" Jokes of the allegedly funny papers. The old man grasped his carpet bag and bulging green umbrella firmly, and looked up and down the street, his mouth agape.

"There's a heap o' sights in New York, I guess, Maria," he said. "I misdoubt if we see them all."

The old lady's mouth set grimly.

"Well, Silas," she replied, and her manner was more than significant.

"I'm with you, there's some I expect, that you ain't goin' to see," Lippincott.

Charles Hill of Hanford is staying at the Fulton.

T. H. Elliott of Selma is a guest at the Grand Central.

J. B. Shives of Visalia is registered at the Grand Central.

J. L. Drucker and wife of San Jose are at the Sequoia.

H. L. Oceans is among the late arrivals at the Fulton from Wheatville.

W. D. Nelson is registered at the Fulton from Bakersfield.

J. J. McDonald of Coalinga is staying at the Sequoia.

George W. Francis, a prominent merchant of Wheatville, is at the Fulton.

W. G. Bent of Selma is a guest at the Grand Central.

C. E. Chastine of Crane Valley is among the late arrivals at the Fulton from Modesto.

C. S. Pierce and L. B. Rogers were passengers on San Francisco last night.

Will F. Schmidt of Sacramento is a guest at the Sequoia.

M. Hansen of San Diego is staying at the Sequoia.

Thomas Ockenfels of the Orkenden summer resort on Pine Ridge, is a visitor in Fresno.

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J. E. Manning returned yesterday from a business trip to Modesto.

Mrs. W. Lockhurst and daughter Mrs. F. C. Gibson and granddaughter, aged 4 weeks, arrived yesterday from Oakland.

Mrs. Gibson will visit with her mother until after the holidays.

A. G. Wilson, manager of the San Joaquin Mfg. and Power company, has returned from Los Angeles, via Coalinga.

While in Southern California, Mr. Wilson assisted A. C. Babb in the formation of the new Coalinga Power and Water company, which will put a line from Coalinga to the oil fields.

The old power house of the oil center was formally taken over by the new corporation.

BORN

FOURTHS--In Fresno, No. 1146 O street, December 12, 1908, to the wife of R. A. Forbes, a son.

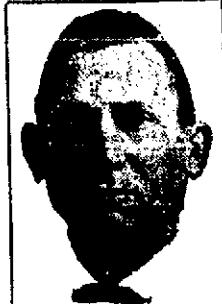
DIED

CARROLL--In this city, December 13, 1908, Nellie June Carroll, a native of Michigan, aged 14 years 2 months.

Friends and relatives gathered to

attend funeral services Monday, December 14, 1908, at 2:30 o'clock p. m., from Bell Bros. Chapel, Interlaken Mountain View cem-

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Mr. S. B. Goodman Says: "Now That Our Annual Clearance Sale is on, Cut Prices on Every Article in the Store Including the Holiday Goods. Give It to Them Right and Keep Our Reputation of Being the Store in Fresno That Undersells all Others."

So Now Comes Another Big Tumble In Prices On Every Article In the Store

\$17.50, \$20.00, \$22.50 Suits Now

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\$15.00, \$16.50 Suits Now

The clothing we place on sale is all of the finest made lines, this season's Newest styles.

\$12.50

25 % Off On All \$25.00,

\$27.50, \$30.00, \$35.00 Suits

1/4 OFF ON ALL OVERCOATS

A Line of Box Overcoats, Silk Lined, Regular \$25.00 Now

\$15.00

Another Line of \$20.00 Values Now \$12.50

200 Uniforms for Street Car Men, Double and Single Breasted, Fine Materials, Regular \$16.50 Now \$12.50

Dress Pants

\$2.50 worsted and finely lined	\$1.85
\$3.00 and \$3.50 Pants	\$2.25
\$4.00, \$4.50 and \$5.00 Pants	\$3.50
\$6.00 and \$6.50 Pants	\$4.75
\$7.00, \$7.50 and \$8.00 Pants, hand tailored	\$5.85

Smoking Jackets and Dressing Gowns Just Received

\$7.50 Smoking Jackets, now	\$4.85
\$8.50 Smoking Jackets, now	\$5.85
\$12.50 Smoking Jackets, now	\$6.85
\$10.00 Dressing Gowns, now	\$7.25

Dent's Gloves	Fowne's Gloves
\$2.50 values at . . . \$1.90	\$1.50 and \$1.75 values
\$2.00 values at . . . \$1.60	now \$1.30

Fine Silk and Wool Lined Gloves

\$2.00 values	\$1.50	50c values	35c
\$1.00 values	75c	25c values	20c
\$1.50 values	\$1.05		

\$1.50 Suspenders and Tie to match	\$1.00
\$2.25 Suspenders and Tie to match	\$1.60
\$3.00 Suspenders and Tie to match	\$2.25
25c Fancy Arm Bands	20c
25c Fancy Silk Handkerchiefs	20c

Every purchase satisfactory or we gladly refund your money. We have lots of extra salesmen to wait on the crowds.

Cor. I and Mariposa Streets

Corduroys

\$4.00 Sweet Orrs and "Can't Bust Em," peg hips and cuffs	\$3.25
\$3.50 light and dark colors	\$2.50
\$3.00 exceptional values for that, now	\$2.25

Gartner & Mattern Underwear

\$7.50 and \$8.50 values at . . . \$5.50 a suit	\$2.50 per garment, now	\$1.90
\$2.00 values Wool Underwear, now	\$1.45 gar.	
\$1.50 values Wool Underwear, now	\$1.15 gar.	
\$1.00 values Wool Underwear, now	85c gar.	
75c values Wool Underwear, now	50c gar.	
50c Ribbed Underwear, now	35c gar.	

Union Suits

\$1.50 values, sale price	\$1.15
\$2.50 values, sale price	\$1.85
\$3.00 values, sale price	\$2.40
\$4.00 values, sale price	\$3.15

\$1.50 Night Shirts, now	\$1.10
\$1.00 and \$1.25 Night Shirts, now	85c

Sweater Coats

Regular \$4.00 values at	\$3.00
Regular \$3.00 values at	\$2.50
Regular \$2.50 values at	\$1.75

Stetson Hats Same Low Price

Immense Reductions In the Juvenile Department

All young men's Suits, full cut peg top trousers, the lot consisting of \$17.50, \$18.00, \$20.00 and \$22.50 values, now

\$13.50

All our regular \$15.00 and \$16.00 values, sale price

\$12.50

\$8.00 to \$14.00 long trouser School Suits, 25 PER CENT OFF.

Boys' Overcoats, sizes 10 to 20 years, regular \$5.00 to \$20.00, 25 PER CENT OFF.

25 PER CENT DISCOUNT on things for the little Boys.

Russian Blouse Suits, ages 2 1/2 to 7.

Boys' Knickerbocker Suits, ages 7 to 16.

Boys' Reefer Suits, ages 2 1/2 to 9.

25 Per Cent Off on the Girls' Reefer Coats, blue serges, black and white check worsted and red cheviots; ages 8 to 12.

Girls' \$5.00 black Beaver Hats, now

50c Fancy Sox, sale price	25c
1.50 value fur lined gauntlet Gloves, sale price	\$1.00
1.00 lined gauntlet Gloves	75c
25c linen Handkerchiefs, 3 for	50c
25c wool Sox, 3 for	50c
All 50c Work Shirts, now	35c

50c Bradley Mufflers	40c
50c blue Chambray Work Shirts	35c
25c Neckwear, 3 for	50c
\$1.25 Negligee Shirts	75c
\$1.00 Negligee Shirts	55c
\$1.25 and \$1.50 Dress Shirts	\$1.05
\$1.00 Dress Shirts	75c
\$1.50 Bradley Mufflers	\$1.00
\$2.00 Corduroy Shirts	\$1.50
\$3.50 fine Flannel Shirts	\$2.85

Black, White and Fancy Silk Handkerchiefs, Mufflers and Reefs

50c values at \$2.40	\$2.50 values at \$1.95
75c values at	50c values at \$1.50
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MATTERS BEFORE THE SUPERIOR COURT

OIL DELIVERY DECISION WILL CONTEST JUDGMENT SUPREME COURT ORDERS INTERESTING TO ALL IS PLEADED IN LAND NEW TRIAL IN THE PRODUCERS CASE DISPUTE HENRY CASE

Seller Does Not Have to Two Years' Sentence on a Building and Loan Notes Account for Royalty Car Burglar Ordered Like the Brook Run Product. Suspended. on Forever.

Judgment Against Selma Kabadayian Wants Name Nurse Plummer Secures Fruit Co. on Claim Changed to Put End Judgment Against the for Raisins. to Confusion. Johnson Estate.

Judge Austin gave judgment yesterday in favor of the Coalinga Pacific Oil and Gas Company against the Associated Oil Company in a case in which the finding has been awaited with much interest by oil producers in this country.

The Coalinga company is operating under a lease from the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, by the terms of which the railroad is entitled to one-sixth of the oil produced, or of the proceeds of sales. In September, 1908, the Coalinga entered into a contract with the Associated company, to sell and deliver to the latter before October, 1909, 300,000 barrels of oil at the rate of 18 cents per barrel.

By January, 1908, 300,000 barrels of oil had been delivered and the defendant was notified that its contract to deliver was completed. Acting upon the theory that the contract had been completed, the Associated company then agreed with the Coalinga company to take the latter's oil on daily runs thereafter at the rate of 40 cents per barrel, the price of oil having risen. The plaintiff continued to deliver oil until the end of February, when it received a check for oil delivered during January and February, but at the rate of 18 cents per barrel, the Coalinga company having delivered 19,000 barrels during the two months. This check was refused and correspondence developed the claim by the Associated that the original 300,000 barrel contract was not yet completed, and that therefore the 40 cent contract was made, if at all, under a misunderstanding.

Attorneys Sutherland and Barbour then brought suit for the plaintiff company against the Associated for the remaining oil due on account of the original contract, amounting to \$20,135.65, and for an additional sum \$25,975.62 claimed to be due for 3994 barrels of oil at the rate of 40 cents per barrel.

In a cross-complaint the Associated demanded \$20,443 as damages for the failure to complete the 300,000 barrel contract. Its contention was that while the plaintiff had delivered more than 300,000 barrels of oil, only one-fifth-sixth of the amount actually delivered was delivered under the contract, one-sixth having been the property of the railroad company and having been turned over to it as received.

At the trial Attorneys Sutherland and Barbour relied upon the contract of the Coalinga Company and its lease with the railroad company, contending that the contract with the Associated called for the delivery of all oil produced on the land, and that its oil gave it the right to sell the oil.

In answer to the Associated's contention that it had delivered one-sixth of the oil received to the railroad company, as royalty, the reply was that it made no difference to the Coalinga what the Associated had done with the oil received by it and that it was clear from the contract that when the total quantity of 300,000 barrels had been delivered by it to the defendant the contract was complete.

Judge Austin sustained in his decision the plaintiff's contention that the original contract is fully completed, and judgment was for the total sum of \$56,110.47, the amount of the judgment.

The trial in the case of E. M. Stevens & Son against the Selma Fruit Company, was closed yesterday, arguments were had and immediately therupon Judge Austin gave judgment for the full sum prayed for.

The suit was to recover \$292.55 on a consignment of raisins delivered and sold in October, 1908, to the company defendant and realized upon by the Selma Fruit Company, Inc., as its successor, the plaintiff receiving only a check, payment of which had never been had because of the disputed liability of the two companies on the claim. Stevens & Son were paid on the account \$114.19 in a check, but this paper never has been presented for payment. Attorney Colwell for the defendant company says the case will be appealed on the part of the authority of Secretary and Manager Elliott of the incorporated company to agree upon a state account with the liability for the other company. Judge Austin remarked that the defense was not a technical one, the goods had been delivered and realized upon and evidence of the debt and obligation given under corporate authority.

WANTS ALIMONY. Martha Romer, who was divorced from Lorenz Romer on April day last with an award of \$25 monthly alimony, has had him cited to show cause on the afternoon of the 20th inst. why he has not paid the accrued alimony. She has also secured an order of court forbidding Paul Frobberg to pay the former husband his wages pending adjudication of the demand for awarded alimony.

GIVEN HIS COMMISSION. Luis F. Ramon has been appraised at \$3,500 in the west quarter of the south half of the northwest quarter of 32-14-23, also a half acre one rod wide along the east line of the south half of the northeast quarter of 31. The claim of Alex. Texler, one of the appraisers, has been set aside for \$2,112.50 on a \$2,050 note dated at Sanjour October 22, 1908, payable in one day at 8 per cent, also the claim by N. F. Ramon for \$2,110.40 on a note of October 22, 1908, jointly signed by the deceased and Texler.

INHERITANCE TAX DUE. Judge Church fixed upon \$36.41 as the tax due the estate on the \$100,35 clear estate of Giuseppe Glaucio on the inheritance of a cousin in Jackson, Amador county.

DIVORCE SUITS. Pebe A. Ray has sued Perry Ray and Agnes Holland has filed complaint against Frank O. Holland seeking divorce on the ground of desertion.

INJURED IN CHUTES LAKE. LOS ANGELES, Dec. 12.—At Chutes Park today two boys were badly injured when a boat which had descended the incline, crashed into another boat, which was being rowed about the lagoon at the bottom of the incline. Frits Prapentish, 9 years old, and William Rose, 10, who were on the boat on the lagoon, were struck on the head. Prapentish, sustaining a concussion of the brain and Rose, injuries about the head which may be of a serious nature.

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The hoof prints were found near the scene of the murder, and the state will attempt to show that they are identical with those of Turner's horse. Hoof prints of Snyder's horse have been taken in clay and will also be exhibited. Both men were rivals for the hand of a young woman.

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THE SWINE OR THE FLOWER?

As me I saw a huge and loathsome swine
were bared,

whose banquet shocked the nostril and
the eye;

Then spoke a voice, "Behold the source
of lard!"

I fed, and saw a field that seemed at first
One glistening mass of roses pure and
white.

With dewy buds amid dark green foliage
nursed;

And, as I lingered o'er the lovely sight,
Southern scene,

Whispered, "Behold the source of
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A letter congratulating Secretary Robertson of the Chamber of Commerce on the splendid exhibit sent to the exhibition at Omaha, has been received by Robertson from E. M. Cobb, traveling passenger agent for the Union Pacific, the road which has been holding or rather superintending the exposition. The letter follows:

Secretary of the Commercial Club,

Dear Sirs:—The splendid exhibit you provided me has reached us at Omaha. Sure we didn't get in time for the Stock Show at Chicago, but it is so splendid and so large and in such good shape we are constrained to be thoroughly satisfied and have in full confidence.

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MORE CONDITIONS ADDED TO ORIGINAL CALL FOR BIDS

Trustees Not Responsible
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Raisins.

Sum of \$20,000 to be Placed
in Bank on Bid for

Muscats.

In addition to the terms mentioned in the call for bid on the tonnage in the raisin pool, Thomas H. Lynch, D. S. Snodgrass and A. L. Sayre, trustees of the pool, have made several other specifications which bidders will have to follow if they wish to secure the raisins now being held by the trustees. The first call for bids was issued yesterday morning and the call will be continued until Thursday morning, as the bids are to be in by Thursday noon. The addition to the call is as follows:

With reference to sale of raisins advertised by the undersigned, it is understood that the undersigned hold said raisins in trust for various owners, subject to the terms of a Memorandum of Agreement and also to certain Resolution constraining one of the clauses of said Agreement, copies of which are hereto attached.

The undersigned are not to be held responsible, or in damage, for the failure of any of said owners of said raisins, with whom it has made said contracts, to deliver their respective raisins or any portion thereof, without fault on the part of the undersigned, but any purchaser of said raisins shall have all the rights and advantages accruing to the undersigned, under the terms and conditions of the said hereinafter annexed contracts and copy of a certain resolution.

All remedies and rights of such purchasers, however, to be enforced with their cost or expense to the undersigned. It is understood and agreed that all of said raisins so to be sold at the time of delivery are sound, well cured and merchantable, and in case of dispute between the purchaser and the owner of any of said raisins, as to the quality thereof, such dispute is to be settled by three arbitrators, said purchaser selecting one, the owners of the raisins selecting one and the two arbitrators selecting the third, and a decision of the majority of the arbitrators shall be conclusive and final.

The successful bidder for said raisins shall deposit in the Fresno National Bank of Fresno the following amount sums, to-wit:

For the Muscats \$20,000

For the Thompson Seedless 5,000

For the Sultan Seedless 5,000

For the Malaga 2,000

Which sum shall be held by the said bank to secure the faithful performance by said purchaser or purchasers of their agreements, in the purchase. Said sums to be returned to said purchasers upon the faithful performance of their part of the terms of said sale or agreement.

All of said "grower" contracts held by the undersigned shall be placed in escrow with the undersigned and the agreed upon by the undersigned and the purchaser of any of said raisins and until sale shall be finally consummated for each respective variety.

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NEWS OF EVENTS IN REALM OF SPORT

THREE CHEERS FOR HONOLULU MAN CHOSEN N. Y. AMERICANS CAPTAIN OF HARVARD FOOTBALL TEAM

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 13.—Lathrop Withington of Honolulu tonight was elected captain of the Harvard football team. Withington is 20 years old. Last year he rowed No. 5 on the varsity crew which defeated Yale. He played left guard this fall. He is president of the junior class.

MULLIN OF DETROIT IS LEADING AMERICAN PITCHER

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—George Mullin of the Detroit champions was the leading pitcher in the American League last season, according to the official pitching and fielding statistics issued by President B. D. Johnson here today. Mullin's record was 29 games won and 8 lost, for a percentage of .772. He was 82 points ahead of Cueto of Boston, who had a record of 13 games won and 5 lost, for .752. Another Detroit pitcher, Willett, finished third, with 22 won and 8 lost, for .710.

Krause, the early season sensation of Philadelphia, was tied for fourth with his teammate, Bender, at .692, with 18 won and 8 lost.

Chicago, which finished fourth in the pennant race, led the team fielding, with a percentage of .964. Philadelphia finished second, with the Detroit champions third. New York had the greatest number of errors, having 331 charged against them.

The ten leading pitchers, together with pitchers from the Coast League, are as follows:

Name and Club. Won. Lost. Pct.

Mullin, Detroit 29 8 .772

Cueto, Boston 13 5 .722

Willett, Detroit 22 9 .692

Bender, Philadelphia 18 8 .692

Krause, Philadelphia 18 8 .679

Summer, Detroit 19 8 .655

Plank, Philadelphia 10 9 .643

Quinn, New York 9 5 .643

Dwyer, Philadelphia 8 5 .611

Wood, Boston 11 4 .590

Hall, Boston 6 12 .571

Arvelles, Boston 9 12 .490

Burns, Washington-Chi. 13 5 .342

Johnson, Washington 13 5 .298

Gray, Washington 5 12 .298

Groom, Washington 6 26 .188

BELMONT WINS.

KINGSBURG, Dec. 13.—The Selma Skeleton club defeated the Reedley Hill school boys Saturday night by a score of 36 to 13. It was a fast, clean game from start to end. This was the first game "indoors" for Reedley this year but they showed some class and will soon have as good a team as can be found. However, they will try to defeat the fast Selma team.

While on the Coast at the close of the 1908 season, Hal Chase, wearing a California uniform, in the California State League, saw the playing of Kuhn, who was just breaking into fast company. His work so impressed Chase that he whispered Kuhn's name to Manager Stalling's ear at the close of the 1909 season, when the Yankees began boasting about the bushes for promising material for use behind the plate.

However, there is some doubt about Kuhn going to New York. The Minneapolis American Association club has a reserve claim on the Clovis wonder.

This means that the Tiger must remain in the State League for two years before he can be sold or drafted.

At that time, if he is not disposed of by Fresno, the Minneapolis team gets his services free of charge.

Inasmuch as Kuhn signed the Minneapolis contract, under certain promises from Cliff Blankenship, it is likely that the National Commission will award the clever backstop to the "Lerville band" and thus give President Shuck the right to have the much-wanted player to the New York club.

It is rumored that the offer is a cash consideration of approximately \$2000.

Kuhn to report to the spring training quarters of the Yanks next March.

Should the National Commission see fit to remove the ban from the little Tiger, the jump from the California League to major league company will be a feather in Kuhn's cap. However, local fans have predicted a brilliant future for the Tiger receiver since he poked his "strawberry-blond sky-piece" from the bushes around Clovis.

JACK JOHNSON

KEEPS IMPROVING

Jack Johnson is a constant fighter.

He has shown improvement in every fight. That is the foundation for the claim that he will defeat Jeffries when the big fellows meet. Had the two been matched four years ago the bout would have attracted scarcely a bid. It would have been considered a joke. As it is now Jeffries will likely be the favorite in the betting, but four years ago Johnson would have been a 100 to 1 shot. There are several reasons why match between Johnson and Jeffries looks fairly even on paper at this time. The Californian has absolutely nothing in the fighting line, while Johnson has been playing along meeting good men and gaining ring generalship and strength continuously.

During the past four years Johnson has been matched more than a score of times with good men. He boxed a draw with Jeanette. He boxed a draw against Philadelphia Jack O'Brien. Then he wound up by defeating Tommy Burns. Of course Ketch made a poor showing against the big black. Never yet has Johnson been extended to the limit of his power and endurance. What will he be at full steam? With Jeff retrogradus during those years and Johnson coming forward, what will be the result?

—Jeff Thompson in Oakland Tribune.

FOWLER DEFEATS TULARE DUMMIES

The crack Fowler football eleven added another victory to its credit last Sunday at Tulare, when the Deer Mules were beaten, 5 to 0. Fullback Stewart of the winners was the star, his line buckling and end runs giving Fowler a victory. The attendance was large. The struggle was one of the hardest fought in the history of the Tulare gridiron. A return game will be pulled off at Fowler on New Year's Day.

The Fowler line-up was:

Van Horn, le.; Buckley, lt.; L. Alanson, lk.; B. Young, c.; Darling, rg.; Mason, rt.; Ray Allison, re.; Voley, qb.; Lovely, rh.; Giffen, lh.; Stewart, fb.; Eichenhorst, sub.

Pedro, 102; Keep Moving, 101; Apolonia, 96; Light, House, 95; Wandler, 93; Gladys Louise, 97.

Third race, five furlongs—C. A. Levine, 112; Mike Mollert, Mary Gravine, 109; Steen King, 101; Master Clarence, Ruston, Pick Point, Brundidge, Bob Lynch, Good Intent, 104; Lady Pareet, Illyde, 99.

Fourth race, seven furlongs, handicap—Ghela, 118; Pinkton, 115; Right Easy, 112; King Cobalt, 110; Early Tide, 107; Lady Esther, 102; J. H. Houghton, 92.

Fifth race, six furlongs—Goldfinch, 114; American Queen, 110; Force, 109; Morse, 108; Don Hamilton, 107; Bling, 106; L. M. Eckert, 104; Deuce, 103.

Sixth race, nine furlongs—Ghela, 118; King Cobalt, 110; Right Easy, 112; King Cobalt, 110; Early Tide, 107; Lady Esther, 102; J. H. Houghton, 92.

Seventh race, six furlongs—Ghela, 118; King Cobalt, 110; Right Easy, 112; King Cobalt, 110; Early Tide, 107; Lady Esther, 102; J. H. Houghton, 92.

Eighth race, nine furlongs—Ghela, 118; King Cobalt, 110; Right Easy, 112; King Cobalt, 110; Early Tide, 107; Lady Esther, 102; J. H. Houghton, 92.

Ninth race, nine furlongs—Ghela, 118; King Cobalt, 110; Right Easy, 112; King Cobalt, 110; Early Tide, 107; Lady Esther, 102; J. H. Houghton, 92.

Tenth race, nine furlongs—Ghela, 118; King Cobalt, 110; Right Easy, 112; King Cobalt, 110; Early Tide, 107; Lady Esther, 102; J. H. Houghton, 92.

Eleventh race, nine furlongs—Ghela, 118; King Cobalt, 110; Right Easy, 112; King Cobalt, 110; Early Tide, 107; Lady Esther, 102; J. H. Houghton, 92.

Twelfth race, nine furlongs—Ghela, 118; King Cobalt, 110; Right Easy, 112; King Cobalt, 110; Early Tide, 107; Lady Esther, 102; J. H. Houghton, 92.

Thirteenth race, nine furlongs—Ghela, 118; King Cobalt, 110; Right Easy, 112; King Cobalt, 110; Early Tide, 107; Lady Esther, 102; J. H. Houghton, 92.

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Twenty-first race, nine furlongs—Ghela, 118; King Cobalt, 110; Right Easy, 112; King Cobalt, 110; Early Tide, 107; Lady Esther, 102; J. H. Houghton, 92.

Twenty-second race, nine furlongs—Ghela, 118; King Cobalt, 110; Right Easy, 112; King Cobalt, 110; Early Tide, 107; Lady Esther, 102; J. H. Houghton, 92.

Twenty-third race, nine furlongs—Ghela, 118; King Cobalt, 110; Right Easy, 112; King Cobalt, 110; Early Tide, 107; Lady Esther, 102; J. H. Houghton, 92.

Twenty-fourth race, nine furlongs—Ghela, 118; King Cobalt, 110; Right Easy, 112; King Cobalt, 110; Early Tide, 107; Lady Esther, 102; J. H. Houghton, 92.

Twenty-fifth race, nine furlongs—Ghela, 118; King Cobalt, 110; Right Easy, 112; King Cobalt, 110; Early Tide, 107; Lady Esther, 102; J. H. Houghton, 92.

Twenty-sixth race, nine furlongs—Ghela, 118; King Cobalt, 110; Right Easy, 112; King Cobalt, 110; Early Tide, 107; Lady Esther, 102; J. H. Houghton, 92.

Twenty-seventh race, nine furlongs—Ghela, 118; King Cobalt, 110; Right Easy, 112; King Cobalt, 110; Early Tide, 107; Lady Esther, 102; J. H. Houghton, 92.

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Thirtieth race, nine furlongs—Ghela, 118; King Cobalt, 110; Right Easy, 112; King Cobalt, 110; Early Tide, 107; Lady Esther, 102; J. H. Houghton, 92.

Thirty-first race, nine furlongs—Ghela, 118; King Cobalt, 110; Right Easy, 112; King Cobalt, 110; Early Tide, 107; Lady Esther, 102; J. H. Houghton, 92.

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Forty-eighth race, nine furlongs—Ghela, 11

Commercial

RECORDED DEEDS

Title Guarantee and Trust company to H. W. Wadleigh, all of Los Angeles, Lot 24 and 25, 100 feet of 28-32 in city block 31 for \$3000 under default and in trust deed of W. M. Stobell of Long Beach for money advanced by Fidelity Savings and Loan Association in October 1906. Indebtedness was \$1000 and sale made on the 8th instant.

J. B. Hicks and F. E. Lacour to E. L. Hopkins, Lots 12-13 in Fresno city block 39 on 100 feet of 8th for \$1500. Evelyn-McDaniel company to R. H. Hopkins, Lots 8 and 9 of Olive park, TOWN LANDS TRANSFERS

1. L. company to A. F. Pimentel, Lots 1-16 in block 9 of Fowler; J. M. Robinson to same lots 1-8 as above; Pimentel to Charles P. Averell, Lots 1-16, mortgaged for \$1400 for 5 years at 6 per cent.

Coalings Improvement company to L. Burke, Lots 9 and 10 in Sunset addition block 11, trust deed of \$1000 for 6 years to Title Guarantee and Trust company of Los Angeles.

J. N. Purlier to J. W. Goodwin, Lot 11 in block 2 of Purlier, also Lot 12 in 3 of first addition.

J. G. James company to Elizabeth M. Cannon, Lot 8 in Block 13 of town of Tranquility in 6 and 8-15-23.

Mary J. Harkness to Clark Lindsey, Mrs. others, Lots 26 and 27 in Block 59 of Sunkist.

Coalings Improvement company to T. C. Whitehead, Lots 11-16 in Sunset addition block 12.

Clark Lindsey and others to Mary J. Hazelton, Lot 7 in Sanger town block 7, J. H. Kupper to C. B. Funk, all of Reedley, Lot 25 in Reedley block 87.

G. E. Henley of Porterville to O. F. Henley, Lots 27-30 in Coalings block 31.

OUTSIDE PROPERTY

T. W. Peverill as administrator of estate of Christopher Everill, S.E. 1/4 of N.E. 1/4 of N.W. 1/4 of 15-18-23 under distribution with \$76,178 cash in his hands, other heirs having assigned interests to him.

D. K. Kazanjian to A. K. Kazanjian, half interest in N.E. 1/4 of S.E. 1/4 of 15-18, subject to July 1906 mortgage to John N. Preymann, and to correlate in description of deed of November 17, 1909.

O. G. Wilcox to Charles W. Lillestrand, S.E. 1/4 of S.W. 1/4 of 4-14-23, mortgaged for \$1000 at Sanger payable on July 1910 with 8 per cent.

L. A. Tracy to Vernie Tracy, S.W. 1/4 of N.E. 1/4 and N.E. 1/4 of N.E. 1/4 of 15-18-20, subject to mortgage of \$1500 to L. B. Elder.

A. C. Eynaud to Daniel C. Krehbiel, all of Reedley, 24 acres at southeast corner of Lot 45 of Reed Colony in 27-15-13.

H. A. Barklewe to E. L. Franklin and L. Martin of Los Angeles one-half interest to each of S. 1/4 of S.E. 1/4 or S.E. 1/4 of 36-14-13.

S. S. Teller Jr. to William E. Ruth half interest in S. 1/4 of 23-14-25, S.W. 1/4 of N.E. 1/4 of S.E. 1/4 and S.E. 1/4 of 24-11-25.

Fresno Irrigated Farms company to W. H. Mowry of Parlier county, S.E. 1/4 of N.E. 1/4 of S.W. 1/4 of 15-17-18, subject to mortgage of \$1500 for 5 years at 7 per cent.

Martin V. Claus to Carl O. Brandl, W. H. of N.W. 1/4 of N.E. 1/4 of 16-21-22.

Hans C. Hansen to J. C. Cass, 1/2 of Lots 10 and 11 of Eggers Colony.

S. P. Olson to Peter F. Altueng, 1/2 of Lot 62 of Kingsburg Colony.

MORTGAGE RECORD

E. C. Denner to John C. Borden, N. 1/4 of S.W. 1/4 of N.E. 1/4 of 16-21-21, subject to \$3000 mortgage held by J. P. Reynolds; Borden to Denner the above 20 acres mortgaged for \$3000 for 4 years at 6 per cent.

Raymond C. Holton of Selma to J. H. Williams, N.E. 1/4 of S.E. 1/4 of N.E. 1/4 of S.E. 1/4 of 15-18-21 for \$1000 for one year under date of December 7, 1909, with 9 per cent.

Thomas H. Williams, releasing mortgage of November 3, 1907 by Andrew Poulas, latter mortgaged to L. J. Peck 20 acres of N.W. 1/4 of S.W. 1/4 of 15-18-23 for \$1000 for 5 years at 8 per cent.

Meredith C. Kelly to W. A. Conn lots 1-2, N. 1/4 of 4 and 13-20 of Pleasant Dale tract for \$5000 for 3 years at 8 per cent, land embanking 55 acres.

Alfred Breitbucbner to People's Savings bank of Fresno, S.W. 1/4 of S. 1/4 of S.E. 1/4 and S.W. 1/4 of S.E. 1/4 and S.E. 1/4 of S.E. 1/4 of 21-13-18 for \$3000 for one year at 7 per cent.

C. F. Thurman to People's Savings bank of Fresno, W. 1/4 of N.W. 1/4 of N.E. 1/4 and N.W. 1/4 of S.E. 1/4 of 22-12-18 for \$600 for 3 years at 8 per cent.

C. B. Buddleben to Selma Savings bank of Fresno, N.W. 1/4 of S.E. 1/4 and S.E. 1/4 of N.W. 1/4 of N.E. 1/4 and S.E. 1/4 of N.W. 1/4 of N.E. 1/4 of 17-18-22 for \$3000 for 3 years at 8 per cent.

Byron K. Dersenal to J. A. Snow and John Congrave of Calaveras Lot 73 and 74 of Fresno Colony for \$5000 for 3 years at 8 per cent.

Lena T. Adair to John Wulcher Lots 23 and 24 in city block 11 for \$1500 for one year at 8 per cent.

N. C. Spendrup to Annie Alberti, N. 1/4 of Block 9 of 74 acres and 23 in 23 in Block 8 for \$1000 for 3 years at 8 per cent.

J. C. Garner to Anna Galloway E. 1/4 of S.E. 1/4 of 13-18-23 for \$3000 for 3 years at 8 per cent.

Peter P. Aholing to P. O. Olson, E. 1/4 of Lot 2 of Kingsburg Colony for \$3500 for 6 years at 6 per cent.

CHATTEL MORTGAGES

A. A. Yelk and M. L. Nielsen, dry and expression to A. C. Eymann personal property of the Valley Truck and Transport company of Fresno city for \$2000 at 10 per cent payable in stated monthly payments.

E. S. Ahdorn to Mrs. M. L. Knowlton, mare and colt for \$500 for one day at 5 per cent, stock on Lots 6 and 7 in Bank of California tract.

Stockman R. C. Farris to Farmer J. T. Price of Academy 15 miles and 2 horses for \$1500 in 2 payments before 12 months at 10 per cent.

Joe F. Farin to Frank M. Ronito cows branded "J. F." and mounted on W. 1/4 of S.E. 1/4 for \$500 at 8 per cent payable by July 1, 1910.

J. H. C. L. of Laton to J. W. Bell, four mares for \$225 payable at the rate of \$50 a month from October 13, 1909.

Frank Fleharty, cattle, mortgaged to Laton State bank 4 cows or \$340 for one day at 10 per cent.

CROP MORTGAGED

A. K. Kazanjian mortgaged to A. H. Vartanian 1910 and 1911 crops of 25 acres in 13 and 25-15-18 for \$2500 payable with 10 per cent in December 1, 1910.

P. S. Ahdorn to Mrs. M. L. Knowlton, cattle on lots 6 and 7 of Bank of California tract for \$500 for one day at 8 per cent.

D. K. Kazanjian to Paul A. Moshian, 1910 crops on 25 acres in 21-15-21 for \$700 for one year at 10 per cent.

CONTRACTS TO SELL

Model 11, 16 Wts under date of January 15, 1909, to sell to Alphonse Vlach Lots 70 and 71 in Sacramento Bank Colony for \$1500 payable \$125 annually, interest in contract assigned to Frank E. Beall for \$230.

A. E. Webb agrees to sell to C. A. Mire and C. E. Whitney of Coalings 30 acres of the N.W. 1/4 of N.E. 1/4 of 14-30-34 according to stipulations of an agreement of December 1, 1908.

PROPERTY SEGREGATION

Agreement between John M. Dawson and Mrs. Frank Dawson, man and wife, to segregate property to keep respective properties free and free from community, later

THE FRESNO MORNING REPUBLICAN, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1909.

Oil Stocks

ley 350; oats 805; beans 4200; corn 425; potatoes 525; onions 555; bran 50; molasses 10; hay 445; hides 630; wine 73,000.

San Francisco.—Wheat firm, no trading; cash 41.50-42.00.

Barley firm; May 15.65-16.15; December 15.50- cash \$1.50-1.55.

Corn firm; large yellow 11.75-12.00.

Afternoon session: Wheat firm, no trading.

Barley firm; May 15.65-16.15; bid 1.57 asked; December 15.65-16.15.

EASTERN QUOTATIONS

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Evaporated apples quiet and steady. December-January 1909; spot fancy new crop 107.40; choice 4c; prime 71.80c; old crop prime 75c; common 16c to 67.40c.

Prunes firm; quiet fancy new crop 107.40c; 25c; Oregon 69.50c.

Apricots inactive, firm slender 115c; extra choice 115c-120c; fancy 121c-131c.

Praches quiet and barley steady, robes unchanged, choice 63c-67c; extra choice 75c; fancy 75c-80c.

Raisins quiet; loose Muscat 44.50c; choice to fancy slender 52c-64c; seedless 53c-65c; London layers 11.17c-12.30.

CHICAGO.—There was but little trading in the wheat pit all day today and prices moved over a range of 14c to 23c.

The December delivery registered the greatest strength and value between \$1.005 and \$1.125. May showed large firmness and the same price for that month was 15c above the previous close. On the last few trades of the day the price of the December delivery dropped back about a half from the top but the market at the close was excited and strong, final figures on December being at \$1.124-65c.

The volume of trading in corn was the largest witnessed in many months and the market manifested exceptional strength. The range on May was between 65c and 67c. During the last half of the December December attracted greater attention than May and advanced from 91c to 64c. The market closed at the top with prices up 24c to 32c, compared with Saturday's final quotations.

Trading in oats was also an enormous scale and prices made sharp gains for all deliveries. The market closed strong with prices 3c to 4c higher.

Provisions closed 1c to 2c higher.

PORTLAND.—Wheat prices: Club \$1.16; bluestem \$1.17; red Russian \$1.02; Turkey red \$1.05; forty-fold \$1.03; valley \$1.03.

LIVERPOOL.—Close: Wheat, December 8s 1d; March 15 10s 2d; May 16 2d. Weather unsettled.

NEW YORK.—Sugar: Raw quiet; refined 40s 51.13c; centrifugal 46 test 44.31c; molasses sugar 33.55c; refined quiet.

ST. LOUIS.—Wheat unchanged; medium grades combing and combing 240c/30c; light fine 222c/27c; heavy 12c/21c; tub-washed 30c/36c.

THE NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Beyond the mere mechanical effect of a desultory advance in prices of stocks today, there was little of interest in the market.

Feeble as the general demand was there was a fairly comprehensive show of strength by stocks. This was largely accompanied by the sympathetic effect of disproportionate advances in a number of related stocks. The most conspicuous was Republic Iron which rose to 15c, the highest in several years.

The recent entry in Lehigh directory of the dominant features in the Rock Island property of course came into review, discussion with the movement.

The allegations that Wahabash was to be concerned in the striking of the two properties also played a part in the day's discussion as it has done on former occasions. A new suggestion was that the Rock Island preferred stock might be retired in exchange for a bond issue and the property put into the hands of the common stockholders. It is a peculiarity of the Rock Island organization that the preferred stock which is but little more of the volume of the common stock, elects a majority of the directors of the company besides having prior claims to dividends. This priority of claim will rise to 5 per cent in 1910 and 6 per cent in 1911. The Rock Island company is a holding company which holds the stock of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific rail road which in turn issues collateral bonds against the stock held by the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railway and until recently a St. Louis and San Francisco railway. The corporate control thus exercised by the Rock Island preferred stock, itself a minority of the total stock of the company constituted a striking example of the capability of this device for withholding power through the outlay of a minimum of capital.

The reversal of control of the property to the common stockholders would rectify the excessive centralization of the present control of the company. The violent advance in Western Maryland securities pointed to another field for "deal" rumors which were lost in the rumor stage, without authentic confirmation.

A hardening of discount rates in London and Berlin, the securing by the central bank of London of gold surplus and its simultaneous firmness of foreign exchange rates were modified the effect of the New York weekly bank statement to some extent. Call money touched 5 per cent.

Bonds were steady. Total sales, par value, \$37,780,000.

United States 2% advanced 3c and the 3s 1/2s in the bid price on call.

U. S. 3% 1/2s, 10c.

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U. S. 15% 1/2s, 10c.

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U. S. 18% 1/2s, 10c.

U. S. 19% 1/2s, 10c.

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GEORGE A. CUSTER CIRCLE. No. 18—Ladies of the G. A. R. meet first and third Saturday afternoons of each month at 1:30 o'clock. Riley Hall, 9th Street. Mrs. Minnie M. Dodge, president. Addie L. Gross, secretary.

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MONEY TO LOAN ON REAL ESTATE

\$1700—2 room cottage, \$200 cash.

\$1800—3 room house, \$300 cash.

\$1800—5 room cottage, \$350 cash.

\$2000—4 room cottage, \$500 cash.

THIRTEEN PLACES are all in north or east part of town and unusual bargains. \$20 to \$40 per month on balance. Be wise, pay rent to yourself.

W. E. BUSH & CO., 1140 J. Main 1425

FOR SALE by owner, modern five room cottage house, 556 Van Ness Ave.

FOR EXCHANGE—Brick block worth

\$5,000 in prosperous town for exchange for tract of land.

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FOUR CHOICE alfalfa ranches cheap on easy terms.

WE HAVE a large list of 20 and 40 acre vineyards. Among them are some cheap buys.

OWN YOUR own home. Call and see our list of houses. We give you almost any terms you want.

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40 ACRE vineyard 4 miles out can be had by taking up mortgages on same. Price sold short time ago for \$1,000. Chance to double your money. Investigate at once. No information by phone.

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RAW LAND! RAW LAND! RAW LAND!

TWO MILES from Clovis, suitable for alfalfa, trees and vines. Prices and terms to suit. Adjoining lands are bringing from \$25 to \$60 per acre more than we ask.

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ALFALFA! ALFALFA!

40 ACRES, all good stand, right where you would pick it out, for \$5000.

40 ACRES, close to shore, and its only competitor, with Alfalfa, \$5500.

THESE WILL compete with any alfalfa ranch in the valley, including those they sell in Merced and Stanislaus counties for \$200 per acre.

THERE IS a big bank account in these places for you. Grab them.

W. M. E. G. SAUNDERS

Rooms 1 & 2, Short Blvd.

40 ACRES positively proven ground, Midway Fields, if sold before 16th can be had for \$350 acre.

R. S. THOMPSON, 1133 J. St.

\$150—Three very fine corner lots close in, good neighborhood. A splendid location for an apartment house. If you are interested call at once for this corner will sell in a few days.

40 ACRES six miles out Kersney Ave., few acres alfalfa, balance in Thompson Seedlings vines, all in bearing, house and good barn, soil good. Only \$6000. This is a snap.

40 ACRES six miles north of Fresno, seven room house, barn, and all implements, 10 acres planted to peaches, balance alfalfa, water right. This is a very good place for the money. Only \$5500, 1/4 cash balance terms.

10 ACRES of 11 year old olive trees, all very fine. This place sets \$1000 per year. Owner has sold out all country land except this ten. If sold in the next week this place will go for only \$2500.

EWING-MCDANIEL CO., 1036 J. St.

60 ACRES NEAR CARUTHERS, \$17.50 per acre, sandy loam soil. Snap.

THREE ROOM HOUSE AND 3 LOTS

windmill, fruit trees, snap, \$1000.

SMALL HOUSE, TWO LOTS, \$750.

windmill, shade, close to car.

TWO ACRES, 7 ROOM HOUSE, \$2700, nicely located, beautiful home.

MONEY TO LOAN ON REAL ESTATE

H. R. SIMPSON LAND CO., Flax Blvd.

FOR SALE—Modern 6 room house, North J. St., \$1500—5 room house on Erie St., \$1500—20 acre A1 vineyard, good location.

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FOR SALE—By owner: Modern 5 room cottage, fine location, easy terms. \$2500. Call at 3038 Fresno St.

FOR SALE—20 or 40 acre tracts 6 miles from Fresno, good for peaches, vines or oranges. No payment required if land is improved. Address F. R. Box 67, Republican.

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20 ACRES CLOSE TO FRESNO

NICE and level with water right. Snap at \$500. See us.

20 ACRE VINEYARD FOR \$3500

HOUSE, barn and farm tools, solid vineyard 3 years old; easy terms.

40 ACRES SOLID ALFALFA, \$5000

HOUSE, barn, windmill and shade.

12 ACRE IDEAL HOME, \$25,000

40 ACRES in orchard, vineyard and shade, the house, barn, windmill, tank and tank house and outbuildings, pumping plant; easy payments.

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FOR SALE—Modern cottage, furnished, 6 lots, shade and fruit trees. See

A. T. ELLIS, 1130 J. St.

10 ACRE orchard 4 miles out, fine buildings. Must be sold, \$3500. terms.

10 ACRES near Fowler, 1 acre peaches, 1 acre family orchard and berries, 7 acres alfalfa, shade, house, farming implements, buildings, \$7500.

20 ACRES MATURE vineyard, 4 years old; fine vines, buildings, \$1500. terms.

FINEST 10 ACRES in Fresno, mostly Muscats, \$8000 net income, trays, boxes, stock, farming implements, buildings, 6 miles east, \$24,000, 1-2 cash, balance to suit.

FINE LOTS on Ventura Ave., \$150.

ONE ACRE 5 acres and 10 acre tracts near town, a fine lot.

CAN BUY any buyer an city or country property. See our hall before buying.

RAW LAND, with water, on easy terms, end of city.

ALEXANDER LAND CO., 1040 J. St.

FORTY ACRE ranch, all leveled, and partly set out in fruit trees, good soil, new pump, new small house and good sized barn. Will sell 20 acres if desired. Part cash and easy terms. Address Ranch, Box 140, Republican.

FOR SALE—40 acre ranch, will sell in two to 20 acre pieces if desired. Houses, barns, etc. Price \$10,000. N. Sakamoto, Clovis, Cal.

ALFALFA LAND

40 ACRES in center of Elko land district. Price only \$50 per acre. Adjoining lands selling at \$60 to \$100 per acre.

STEINER & CO., 1922 Fresno St.

LARGE AND SMALL tracts of land for sale. The land rented for pasture, lease, M. M. Real Estate Agent, Minnesota, Cal.

MINNIA LAND—See Al Braverman.

FOR SALE—Real Estate

SMITH & CONNELLY.

5100—1 room bungalow with 2 lots outside, all utilities; half cash, or will take \$150 cash and clear city lots as part payment.

5100—1 room cottage with 2 lots. Owner wants to leave town; will take horses and mules in part payment. \$1000.

5100—3 room cottage, 3 lots. Fine new barn, extra fine shade all around lots, gas and electric light; only \$500 cash.

5100—4 room cottage outside city, lot 1010, wall from foundation up. Fine home place; only \$150 cash.

5100—Beautiful new modern 5 room cottage with all conveniences. 2 blocks from Blackstone, car part cash.

5100—Acres and buildings, the land and close to town. Big income from berries next year. Land growing in value fast, and new street car. Come and find out. 8 acres of vines, trees and alfalfa close to town, sandy soil; \$1500, and only \$100 cash.

5100—The TEN ACRES, with new house, on Kearney Ave. will be sold this week. If you want M you had better speak quick.

CITY WATER piped to every lot in El Capitan.

5100—5 room cottage with 2 lots. Owner wants to leave town; will take horses and mules in part payment. \$1000.

5100—6 room cottage outside city, lot 1010, wall from foundation up. Fine home place; only \$150 cash.

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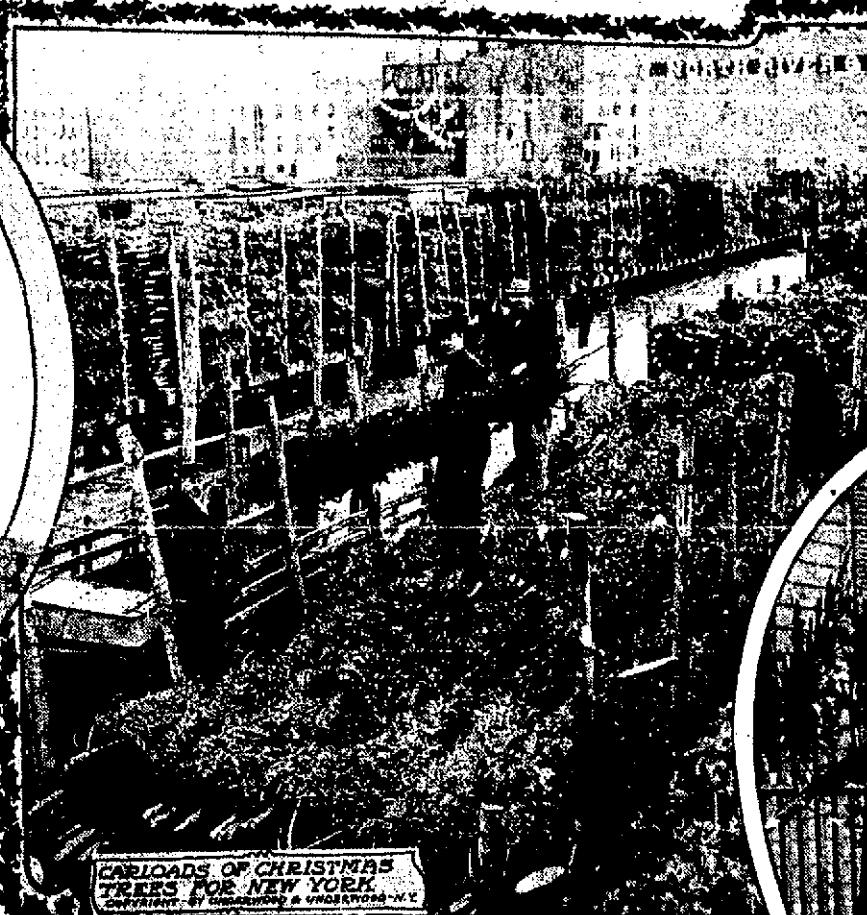
5100—The TEN ACRES,

Dec 14, 1909

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS FROM A COMMERCIAL VIEWPOINT



CHRISTMAS TREES
READY FOR SHIPMENT



MISTLETOE AND
HOLLY ON SALE

LONG before Christmas gifts are on the counters and in the shop windows the preparatory part of the season of tradition and sentiment is being worked out in the forests which furnish the decorations for homes, churches and public places of the land and which give verdancy to the crowded streets.

THIS year, as in one in a great city where waited a Christmas tree would have walked a long distance before finding the desired article. A year ago it was roughly estimated that more than 5,000,000 Christmas trees were sold in the country. For obvious reasons New York requires and sells more of these trees and of holly and mistletoe than any city in the United States. For several weeks before the merry season sets in the streets in the lower end of Manhattan are filled with these holiday harangues. They come by boat, mostly schooners, and by rail.

More than 75 per cent of these greens grow on the cold hillsides of eastern and northern Maine and on the mountains and in the forests of New Hampshire and Vermont. The harvesting and shipping to points along the Atlantic coast are conducted on an extensive scale. The work gives employment to many young farmers and lumbermen at a season when money for the harvesters is not any too plentiful for these same men who formerly hunted game in winter have been largely bereft of that source of revenue for several years.

To understand how the business has grown one need only remember that twenty-five years ago, when it began in Maine, no more than four schooners were employed to bring down the cut and their cargoes contained less than 5,000 trees. Today there are not enough schooners to supply the demand along the coast as far as New York city. Scores of railroad trains also bring in trees from Pennsylvania, sections of the New England states that are not accessible to the coast and the interior of New York and New Jersey. While the big cities of the east are being supplied many cargoes are shipped to the middle western states. Holly and mistletoe constitute another branch of the business. They come from Maryland

and Virginia, and some come from the southwest. Harvesting Christmas trees is not conducted in any haphazard sort of way. "Anything" will not do. The ideal tree must be intensely green, symmetrical, straight and graceful, and its limbs must be stout, so as to hold up the gifts they are designed to bear. Generally there is a large profit in harvesting these trees. If there is an average cut the cost of delivering to New York or Boston does not exceed 2 cents a tree. The price of the smallest tree in a big city seldom falls below 25 cents, and from that the price goes up to \$5, according to the height and symmetry of the tree.

Another decoration for the season is the "ground plant." It grows deep in the pine woods and among reinous needles and broken limbs. It is a creeping, vine-like plant. Children of the country gather it in the fall, sort it, press it into boxes or sacks and send it to the cities. Out of this are made wreaths, festoons and streamers into any desired shape. These make up the decorations seen all over the land.

Trees Farm of the City.

The stranger in New York city a few weeks before Christmas would be warranted in the opinion that Christmas trees, holly and other green growths constituted the principal traffic of the metropolis. Almost anything—except a large tree—intended for decoration during the Yuletide is on sale on the sidewalks, the vendors being men, women and children. But this is only a part of the stock. Over on the west side, not far from the docks, is what is called "the farm." This comprises the great open spaces along West street that being the widest thoroughfare of the city. Here are grouped great stacks of Christmas trees and piles of wreaths. This is the wholesale market, in the center of intersecting streets are more Christmas goods of the same sort, but on less extensive lines. From these markets the retail dealer draws his supply, and from here large consignments are shipped to country towns. A year ago it was estimated that more than 200 carloads of trees and holly and mistletoe were delivered to the New York market. There are 2,000 trees to each carload. Make your own deduction. And don't forget that these trees came by rail. The cargoes by boat are to be added.

The best seller in the Christmas tree line is the balsam fir, because, possibly, of its aromatic fragrance. Firs and spruces for the holiday trade in New York city and vicinity come from Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and the Adirondacks. In order to get them to market in time the woodcutters start the work of cutting, bunching and trimming early in October. In most cases the cuts are hauled long distances over country roads before they are shipped on trains. These trees range from six feet to twenty-five feet in height. Wholesale prices range from 75 cents a bunch (usually four trees make a bunch) up to \$25 for a single tree that measures twenty-five feet. The wholesale trade of New York city is handled by only a few concerns. One has been in the business for more than thirty-five years. Orders for the great Christmas cut are often made while people are just finishing their vacation.

Similar Christmas markets are found before the season opens in Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston and Washington. Chicago draws on the pineries of Michigan

and for much of its stock in the way of Christmas trees and supplies a vast area in the west and northwest with greenery that add to the merry season. Most of the trees delivered in Chicago arrive on lake schooners.

In Pennsylvania stalwart woodsmen work in gangs and are in the employ of a large shipper. The contractor pays the owner of the land at the rate of from \$7 to \$10 an acre, taking them as "they come." The trees are loaded on large hay and bark rigged wagons, hauled to the nearest railroad station by oxen and piled in stacks or rows near the tracks, from which they are loaded on lumber cars and shipped to the large cities.

Homes of Holly.

The holly used in decorations comes from Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina in cases of from 75 to 100 pounds in weight, prices ranging from \$1.50 to \$2 per case, according to quality. Much of it comes in wreaths varying in size and quality. These wreaths sell for from \$6 to \$12 per hundred. The prices are those of last year, and they will probably not vary much this year. Imported mistletoe comes mostly from Normandy, though some is obtained in England. It sells for from \$10 to \$15 per case of seventy-five pounds. The home mistletoe, which comes from the same states that produce the holly, brings from \$1 to \$2 per barrel.

The Christmas tree was sentimentally revered long before this land was discovered. Tree worship also obtained in England and France in the days of the Druids. In some form or other it is worshipped in heathen lands. It exists in Iceland. According to the records in that country, it was known in 700 years B. C.

The first English child to enjoy a Christmas tree was Mary, daughter of Henry VIII., who was afterward known as "Bloody Mary." When she was four years old—a rosemary bush, hung with red jewels and silver spangles and lighted with rushlights, was set up in the great hall of the castle for the amusement of the little princess. From this little rosemary bush the custom spread until now no English home is complete without the Christmas tree.

The extent of the Christmas tree industry, and the holly and mistletoe as well, in New York city will give an idea of the business throughout the country. A year ago the big city spent more than \$2,000,000 for these Christmas goods. Of course all were not used in the city, but that was the amount expended for trees, holly and other Christmas greens. It was also estimated that between 5,000 and 6,000 people in the city were vendors of the Yuletide decorations. The same year it was estimated that St. Louis, now fourth in population, spent more than \$50,000 for the same sort of goods for the season of good will.

Besides these decorations there are wreaths of immortelle, colored according to the purchaser's fancy. From these the bells which are seen so much in every member present save one was a delicacy in its day.

should agree on any question the members not concurring would have absolute freedom of action. On the question of divorce, for example, if twenty-five members of the house agreed on a general plan the twenty-five governors thus concurring would suggest to their respective legislatures in their ensuing message the passage of a bill in accordance with the recommendation. The legislature, of course, would have absolute freedom to pass it or not, as they deemed best, but the recommendation would have a greater dynamic effect and a stronger moral influence when such legislature knew that twenty or more other legislatures were considering the same proposed law. If eighteen states out of twenty-five passed the bill, sufficient public interest would be awakened in the others to make the matter an issue in the next campaign in the states that did not pass the bill.

In fine, Mr. Jordan suggests that the house of governors discuss vital questions concerning the welfare of the states that would require uniform action, but upon which congress could not act because the constitution affords it no power to do so. The trouble has been, according to Mr. Jordan, that while the states have had the power, way has been provided for them to get together as states to execute the will of the people.

Rifle Grenade of Great Power.

A rifle grenade has been invented which is thought to have great possibilities. The grenade would, it is considered, prove of the very greatest value in frontier warfare in India and in bush fighting in West Africa.

Strategic war in these forms of warfare that can only be met by the use of the grenade, which would not only do great destruction, but also have a demoralizing effect upon the enemy. The grenade, which may be applied to any rifle without interfering with the existing mechanism, practically converts a rifle into a howitzer.

FRANK H. BROOKS.

Jordan's House of Governors.

A novel thing in the Jordan proposition to create a house of governors, but one that will be readily understood upon reflection, is that the majority does not bind the minority. In windows during the Christmas season are made. Prices of wreaths and bells from immortelles vary according to the size desired.

As the Christmas tree first became a commercial commodity in the east the following story as to how it was introduced in New York is of interest. A good many years ago the season had been a poor one for the farmer. One up in the Catskills had been hard hit. He cut down some trees that had grown at his door and shipped them to New York city, coming along with his product. He obtained the privilege of using a sidewalk downtown on which he exhibited his trees. For this privilege he paid the city \$1. He was the pioneer in the Christmas tree business in the metropolis. The Christmas tree merchant who gets a corner or any space in the great city now is lucky, and the price paid is so great that it will cut into the profit unless the sales are enormous.

JORDAN'S HOUSE OF GOVERNORS.

There are no more buffalo steaks on the market, but old timers will easily recall the days when it was as easy to buy such steaks as it is now to get breakfast, and for less money. And "jerky buffalo," buffalo meat cured, is a delicacy in its day.

Mme. Palladino, Psychic Puzzle

Italian Whose Seances In Europe Mystified Scientists Comes Here to Prove Her Weird Powers

OW comes Eusapia Palladino, medium, woman of the weird—who considers herself a Neapolitan, although some of those from the boot-shaped peninsula who know their Italy shake their heads about Naples as her cradle town, while admitting that she does come from the land of fine arts, sunny skies and spaghetti. She comes to America—the United States—as they all do, after contact with men of note on the other side. And United States folks flock, as they always do, to anybody or anything that has been talked about across the water. Let it be said to the credit of Americans that "flocking" does not always imply belief. Also, in behalf of the Palladino, let it be said that she puzzles; she makes motions, and things rise; they come and vanoose at her bidding, apparently, as she stretches her arms, all the while being under the scrutiny of scientific men, journalists and others who by their talk or writings spread the name of Palladino. Her seances in New York city have created a stir.

So also came, puzzled and benighted, Lulu Hurst, Annie Abbott, the Davenport brothers—remember the Davenports? Washington Irving Bishop, J. Randall Brown, James Louis Kellogg, May Pepper and others. All of these did things which caused the moderns to wonder as much as the Israelites probably wondered when Elisha caused the ox that woodman had lost in the Jordan to come up and boat on the surface.

The most recent spiritualistic arrival met, interested and to some extent associated with, in a business way at least, some noted people on the other side. It must be said for her that her meeting with these has not been recent. Some of them she knew and interested for twenty years. Among them were Lombroso, recently passed away, and Oliver Lodge, Crookes, Ferri, Bergi and others of a school that studied the occult and dived into the waters of mysticism. On this side she caused a professor at Harvard to pause. William James is the professor referred to. When he had investigated the psychic force of Mme. Palladino he said, "I admit that she resorts to fraud at times, but will tried to explain her powers."

Professor James H. Hyslop, an author of note, although somewhat skeptical, wants the mystery explained. "The Professor's case must be investigated," he says. "For both the sides of the question are in the balance."



EUSAPIA PALLADINO, FAMOUS ITALIAN MEDIUM.

the madame's vocabulary. Several seances were held in the committee's own room. One of these present was Hereward Carrington, an author and scientist of New York city, who devoted many years to the study of alleged spiritualistic phenomena. He has detected and exposed a number of fraudulent mediums. Mr. Carrington returned home after the London seances and is quoted as saying that he is as much mystified at what he saw and heard as any of the foreign investigators. "Frequently during the seances," says Mr. Carrington, "we all experienced a sensation of cold, as though a cold breeze were issuing from the cabinet curtains and blowing over us. All who have had sittings with Eusapia are convinced that this cold breeze is not subjective in character, but that it is distinctly and provably objective. It is invariably noticed by all present at about the same time, and their descriptions all agree with one another as to its nature and as to the sensations they experience when it blows upon them. This breeze sometimes seems to become denser and more solid, as it were, until it assumes the impression of icy cold fingers."

Palladino reads and writes fairly well, if not up to the standard of the purist. She speaks the Neapolitan dialect readily. When she speaks Italian she frequently mixes Neapolitan in her sentences and is given to interspersing French and even English words.

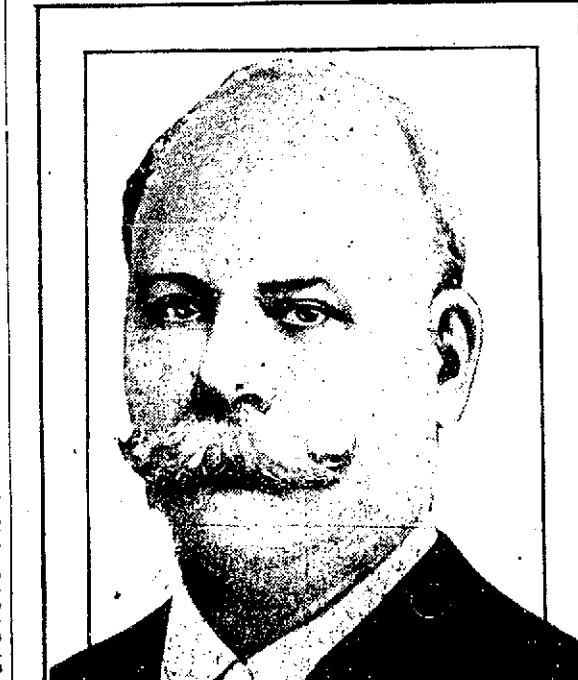
In spite of the fact that her manners are not such as would fascinate one accustomed to cultured circles, she has been received in the refined and luxurious salons of Paris and London. Of her early life she prefers not to talk. Her birthplace was an obscure town; her family had associations with a brigand; her first marriage was unhappy. No. 1 insisting that as she was a money maker she should support him. But all these things she dismisses when they are hinted at. When they are suggested a cloud comes over her countenance. Her life, she says, has been a series of successes ever since she first found herself. She did not understand her powers at first. She was afraid of herself in the beginning. "But afterward," and when she speaks in this manner she becomes elated, "everybody was converted."

She has been seen in all the capitals of Europe and was surprised to learn that she was as well known in America. Her tastes are simple. She would rather sit down to a meal in an east side restaurant of her own people than dine at the most fashionable cafe. She is also simple in her dress. "Why care so much for money, dress, culture and accomplishment?" she asks. And then she adds, rather dramatically, "This life, after all, is not so important as most men consider it." Then her eyes grow glassy. The woman ends—the medium begins. She has been in the business thirty years. She is here to challenge Americans to disprove her powers.

JOHN KERCHIEVAL

Zelaya, Ruler of Nicaragua

Born to Wealth, Educated, Ambitious and Merciless, He Has Become Mischief Maker of Central America



PRESIDENT ZELAYA OF NICARAGUA.

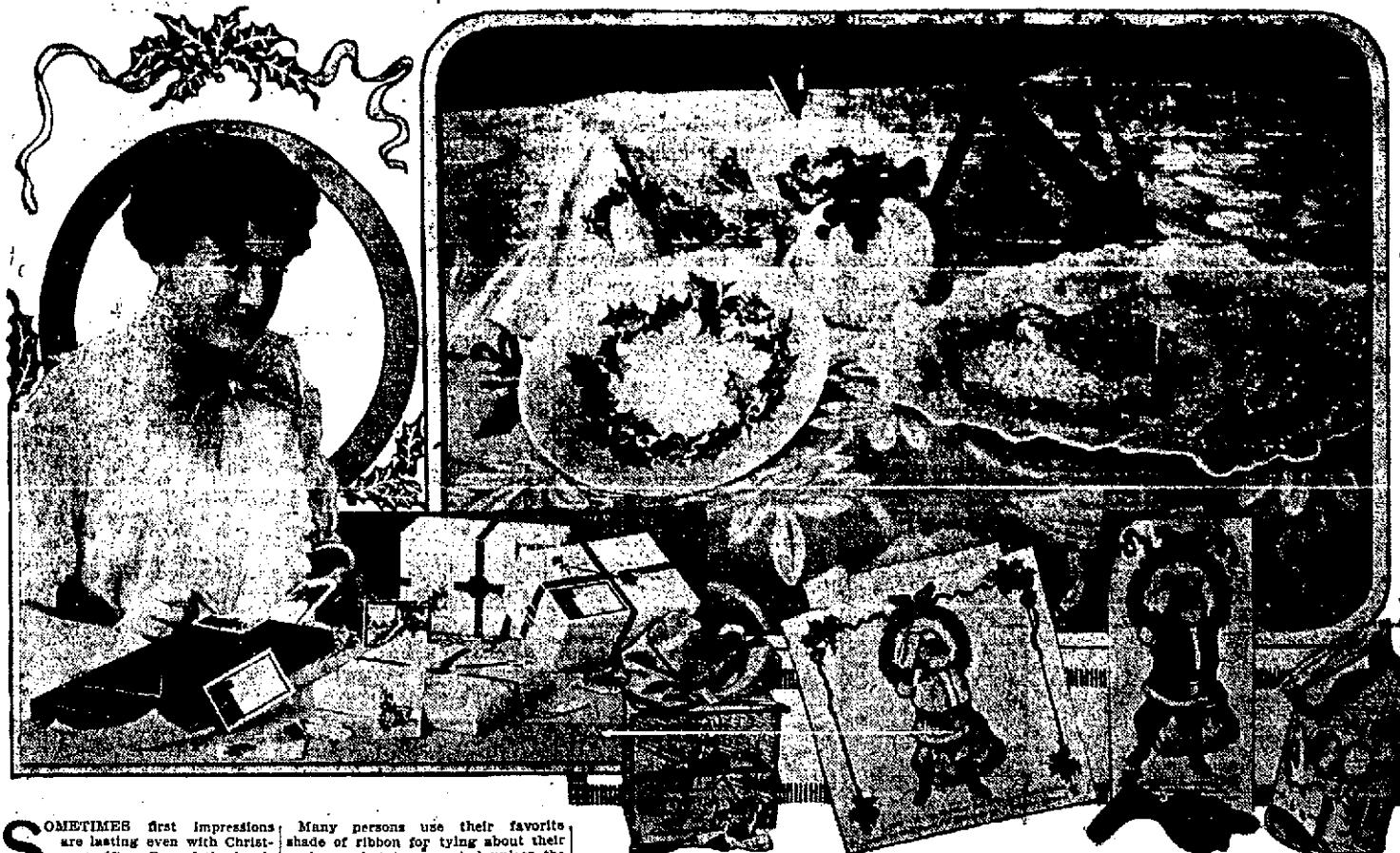
A DISTRACTED horse in a rapidly moving train. It has kept up the pace in one way or another ever since Zelaya's present troubles began beyond the confines of his carbonated country. Diplomatically, if in no other way, he is responsible for the killing of two American citizens, Leroy Cannon and Leonard Grove. They were shot to death for participation in the present revolution of Nicaragua. What brought on this revolution is a matter that does not concern any citizen of the United States. The rumpus is between Zelaya and Estrada, the latter being the head of the party opposing him. It is known, with the ports of the country blockaded and the United States watching

In spite of the comparatively small population of the country and the lack of the natives, Zelaya, according to the most recent reports, is capable of putting up a strong fight. One report is that he can easily place in the field an army of 125,000 equipped with modern rifles and artillery. Not a great while ago there were shipped to him from New Orleans 75,000 Mauser rifles and 25,000,000 rounds of ammunition. Whether this shipment succeeded in reaching the blockade is not known. With the ports of the Mexican empire under

printed that of this number 10,000 have dealt with. B. VINTON HAMER.

Dec 14, 1909

YULETIDE PACKAGES



Gifts Lose Much of Their Significance if Unattractively Done Up

SOMETIMES first impressions are lasting even with Christmas gifts. One of the hand-somest presents I received last Noel was an exquisite copy of a celebrated Madonna painted on copper and beautifully mounted in a Florentine frame. The donor (needless to say, a man) handed me the gift wrapped in a not too immaculately clean newspaper and tied about with string stout enough to hang oneself with. I really hope I didn't look as disgusted as I felt, but really half the pleasure of the lovely gift was lost in the unattractive and very un-Christmas-like fashion in which it was done up. It's not the proper spirit, I know, to encourage, but even now that another Yuletide is almost here I have never ceased to look at that charming miniature picture without a feeling of regret that it came to me wrapped in a soiled piece of newspaper and tied haphazard with a piece of string.

On the other hand... you may receive a very inexpensive little present, but its dainty exterior appearance will fascinate you to such a degree as to win your immediate approval. So it is well to bear in mind that gifts lose much of their significance if untidily wrapped. And there is absolutely no excuse for this carelessness when pretty Christmassy papers, ribbons and tags may be bought so cheaply.

SCHEME FOR PREPARING A QUICK BREAKFAST

WHAT a wonderful thing is system! "Why," said an inexperienced young housekeeper recently, "I can get my breakfast and dress at the same time without the least inconvenience." This is how the clever planer works out her scheme:

She and her husband live in the suburbs of a large city, and the head of the house must leave for business at 8 o'clock in the morning. Incidentally, he does not approve of negligee costumes outside of the bedroom, so no time is saved in easy dressing can be indulged in.

Mildy's way of getting around the difficulty is to array herself in a dressing gown as soon as she gets up; then she goes to the kitchen, puts the kettle on to boil and returns to her room to dress. When her toilet is almost finished she slips into a dressing jacket and returns to the operation of getting breakfast. By this time the kettle is boiling, so she puts on the oatmeal, using the inner vessel of a double boiler. It takes five minutes for the oatmeal to cook sufficiently to permit of the upper portion being put into

the lower part of the boiler. Then while the upper portion is cooking on the direct heat she prepares the fruit for breakfast and lays two places at the table. That done, the double boiler goes on the heat, and the young housekeeper returns to the duties of her toilet.

When next she gets to the kitchen, in about ten minutes, the oatmeal is usually done, and, thanks to its jacket of boiling water, she can remove it and still have it hot. Then she makes the toast by putting a few slices of bread on the hot iron. When they are off the kettle goes on again for the eggs and kettle. The latter part of the work takes not more than six minutes.

The fruit, of course, is on the table when the master of the house sits down to table, and when they have finished eating the fruit she takes away those plates and brings in two dishes of oatmeal. After she removes these dishes the eggs are brought out with the toast and tea.

The young housekeeper discovered the other morning that it took but five minutes longer to cook bacon, to fry in-

stead of boil the eggs, and also that to scramble eggs is the work of only three or four minutes. The whole process of breakfast and dressing at the same time by actual count of time was found to be just seven minutes longer than is necessary for dressing alone.

A BOOTBLACK'S TIP.

A bootblack of a fashionable hotel is responsible for the advice here given on the care of patent leather shoes:

"Don't you never polish them kind of shoes ma'am, until yo have to. It takes all the shine off 'em, an' yo have to keep a-polishin' all the time afterward."

"Just wipe em off with cold water every time they get that blurry look, an' polish 'em up with a black cloth. Ye'll have as dandy a shine as ye wants to see."

"And just one more tip, ma'am. If ye wants that leather not to burst into cracks almost before ye've paid for 'em, use a raised paste to shine 'em. It ain't got half so much acid to eat off the enamel like the black pastes."

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PLUMBING INSPECTOR OF CITY MAY ATTEND BIG MEETING

Health Board Recommends That He be Sent to Trenton, N. J.

General Condition of Health in City is Best in Years.

At the meeting of the board of health last evening in City Room Office, Dr. Allen's office, a resolution was drawn up by the secretary to be presented to the city trustees recommending that plumbing inspector Robert H. Ellithorpe be furnished with sufficient funds to enable his presence at the annual meeting of the American Society of Plumbing Inspectors and Sanitary Engineers at Trenton, New Jersey, during the latter part of January.

Inspector Ellithorpe was a delegate to the 1908 convention of the national society and the members of the health board were unanimous in agreeing that the benefits accruing to the city from Ellithorpe's trip were worth twice the cost.

It was stated that Mr. Ellithorpe's expenses would be in the neighborhood of \$200, which is 75 per cent of the cost for his 1908 trip. The city trustees furnished the plumbing inspector with funds to represent the city at Fresno at the former meeting and the purpose of last night's official meeting was to place the health board's stamp of approval on the proposed Eastern trip.

The health board was occupied with the reading of the regular monthly report last night. The general sanitary condition of the city was reported to be very commendable in fact, the best in years. The only noticeable unsanitary section is in the Italian quarter of the city, where the sewage is very bad, in some parts, the sewer pipes are laid but there are no water mains. For this reason, the sewers cannot be flushed. The report of the city health officer, in full, follows:

Fresno, Cal., Dec. 12, 1909.
To the Honorable Board of Health.

I beg leave to submit the following report for the month of November:

Total number of births, 41; male, 21; female, 18; all white.

Deaths, 31; white, 29; yellow, 2; male, 20; female, 11.

Cause of death was as follows: Pneumonia, 8; typhoid fever, 1; diphtheria, 1; enteric, 3; tuberculosis, 3; heart and circulatory, 2; cancer, 2;

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accident and violence, 2; stillborn and premature, 4; general diseases, 4. Contagious diseases reported during the month, 13, as follows: Diphtheria, 9; scarlet fever, 7. Most of the contagious diseases have proved of a mild character, and few deaths resulted therefrom. One case of diphtheria was found in the Emerson school, but the room was immediately disinfected and no further cases developed. One case of trachoma was found in the Lowell school, but a careful examination of all the scholars in the same room failed to discover any others. Most of the cases of diphtheria reported were as usual from the unsewered and unsanitary section, the west side so called.

The vigilance of the teachers in our public schools is to be heartily commended, for it is largely due to their watchfulness that an epidemic has been prevented. During the earlier part of the month the sanitary inspector was instructed to direct his efforts to a thorough cleaning up of alleys and back yards on the west side of the track, with the result that no new cases have developed in that section recently. From the state board of health comes the report that Fresno has the largest death rate from typhoid fever of any city in the state, though this is seemingly proven by our records and it is not true in fact, for there are more than one-half as many cases since January, 1909, have been brought into Fresno from the surrounding country, and the death record charged up to us. Nevertheless this is largely due to the urgent need of sewerage and water supply in certain sections, and the time is at hand when as a sanitary measure this is imperative, and must receive attention at the hands of the city authorities.

The dairies are maintaining an excellent standard in view of the heavy rains which of necessity keep the yards and barns in an unsanitary condition. The butter fat is falling below the legal standard in several cases, which at this time of year seems hardly necessary.

The bacterial content for the past month has been very satisfactory and we are willing to place this record against any on the Pacific coast.

One dairy has been added to our list and one more changed hands, the Jersey Farm purchasing the Grand Central.

Owing to defective tuberculin Dr. Longley has not been sent to complete inspection of the herds as ordered by the board, but promises to have his report by the next regular meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. H. AIKEN, Health Officer.

The monthly report of the condition of milk from the various dairies on December 11, 1909, was as follows:

Canham—Bacteria per cc., 26-200; butterfat, 4-2-8; eighteen hours after milking.

J. Johnson—Bacteria per cc., 8-200; butterfat, 4 per cent; six hours after milking.

Bowen—Bacteria per cc., 17-700; butterfat, 3-1-5; six hours after milking.

Fresno—Bacteria per cc., 13-100; butterfat, 31-5; six hours after milking.

Jersey Farm—Bacteria per cc., 32-000; butterfat, 51-10; six hours after milking.

G. HOPKINS, M. D., Bacteriologist.

In his monthly report, Plumbing Inspector Ellithorpe stated that 11 new permits were granted by him. Ten of these had been inspected and approved. The remaining job had not been completed when the report was filed. The two plumbing permits were granted, forty of which had been examined and approved. One is still in the course of construction and the remaining permit is the toilet at the Emerson school. Some of the fixtures were broken in shipping and final inspection will not be made until the new parts arrive. The total amount of fees collected during November was \$182.75. For the entire year, the Inspector stated that his fees would be approximately \$2100.

During November, City Meat and Sanitary Inspector James Bacroft, visited all the restaurants, slaughter houses, cold storage plants, meat shops and, with few exceptions, found these to be in very good condition. The Inspector also examined the alleys and back yards throughout the city, collecting rubbish to be removed where any amount had collected. Oral notice was served on over 100 property owners and 35 written notices were sent out, notifying the parties to place their premises in sanitary condition. The poultry markets were closely scrutinized and in every instance the proprietor was conducting his market according to the city ordinance.

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THIRCE DECREED DEAD MAN APPEARS BEFORE HIS RELATIVES

Henry E. Christopher Silent as to His Ten Years' Absence.

His Estate Administered Upon, There's Nothing for Him to Claim.

Henry E. Christopher, who has long been considered dead by his relatives, was pronounced legally dead by Fresno court ten years ago and whose estate in this country has been administered upon here, has reappeared alive and well, with only the weight of added years, and as mysteriously and unannounced as when he disappeared from Fresno on a summer's day in July, 1899.

Christopher, who is a man about 45 years of age, has in fact been pronounced legally dead by the courts of this state for ten years. And since his return from the unknown, there has been one day last week to start his sister and his apparition as if from the grave. He has been all mystery and will not inform his relatives, not even his aged mother, where he has been, what he has been doing and why he remained away for more than a decade without sending any one word that he was still in the land of the living.

But his relatives pay he is not worrying in the land over this phase of his singular case. Two brothers-in-law, one of whom was until recently with the canal and irrigation company and the sister have asked him about this and he has declared that he would do nothing to recover any portion of his estate and care as little whether the courts regard him as a living or a dead man.

"Has he explained where he has been all these years and what he has been doing?" was asked of Mr. Burnham, his brother-in-law.

"That's the singular thing about him," he replied. "He is as mysterious about that as was his disappearance. He hasn't even told his old mother anything. On the other thing, he has said and that is that he has not been out of the state at any time all these years. I don't think he is affected mentally, but I can't comprehend the man. He looks well and looks just as he did on the day that he disappeared only he has more gray hairs. His hands are soft, as if he hadn't seen hard work."

"He has said one other thing, that he was at Hollister when there was a funeral of a Catholic bishop or priest and that he just told his Rev. Father McCarthy there. Maybe so. Father McCarthy has no recollection whatever of seeing him."

"The information that his father and brother died while he was so long away did not seem to affect him much. He just said a moment and all he said was 'Well, Tom was a good boy.' I have told you now all I know about him and everything that he is told to any of his relatives, or his mother."

Four months elapsed and not a word was learned of the missing man, despite all the publicity efforts made to gain the slightest clue concerning Christopher. Somewhere on the West Side plains about that time was found a human skeleton, which the coyotes had torn to shreds and pieces were all recognized. The coroner's inquest was convened that these blanched and bleached bones were the remains of Henry E. Christopher. The relatives mourned him for dead as the supposed victim of out play.

On the 12th of October, 1899, the brother-in-law, Frederick Burnham, of the Belmont meat market, who had been a meat peddler for W. A. White, filed in court petition for letters of administration through Attorneys Everts & Ewing and was granted special letters to attend the urgent matters in connection with the estate. In that petition the date of Christopher's death was fixed as the 14th of July, 1899, which corresponded with the time of his last appearance riding away from the Ogles house.

At the beginning all evidence in possession was adduced and the peculiar features attending the disappearance, the gala efforts made to find a clue of him and the discovery of the skeleton were emphasized. The court considered the evidence sufficient to conclude that Christopher was dead then, and the general letters as petitioned for were granted to the brother-in-law by Judge Risley.

Christopher is today with his brother, O. J. Christopher, on the latter's ranch on Valencia Avenue, four miles south of Fresno. At that time of disappearance, Christopher had an estate consisting of lots 18 and 19 of the Estrella vineyard under a contract of purchase for \$3,800, besides personal property of the further value of \$1,300. An next of kin were the sister, Mrs. Anna Burnham, living here, the aged father and mother living in Michigan and a brother named Thomas A.

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Christopher. The estate ran its natural course and in April, 1901, it was reported ready for distribution and was set aside, share and share alike to the father and mother, Edwin and Bridget Christopher.

As residue for distribution there was reported \$79.73 and the two lots valued at \$2,750. Since his disappearance Christopher's father and a brother have died. This mother came on to California soon after the son's disappearance to mourn his loss, that of the other son and that of her spouse. The mother succeeded to her husband's share in the son's estate.

The Fresno estate was not all that the son left to ease the declining days of his parents. There was a \$2,000 mortuary fund, which his life in the A. O. U. W. in Nebraska, and a legacy of real property in Aberdeen, South Dakota. These were also administered upon in the due course of time, though years elapsed because of the absence of proof before the A. O. U. W. would acknowledge death and pay the policy.

It was in the end paid to Mrs. Christopher as the surviving beneficiary. That money has long since been spent. And so also the South Dakota property has passed into other hands. To establish title to money and property in these two states, Christopher had to be declared legally dead there and such findings stand of record in the courts there as it does in Fresno county.

The Estrella vineyard lots passed to the hands of one of the brothers, Henry E., holding at the time of disappearance only \$250 on the purchase contract. The brother took it over and Mrs. Christopher, the heir to the missing son's property, made conveyance to the other son and brother.

The brother, in the course of his disappearance, had sold the vineyard to a man named L. L. E. Ellingson & Son. He was a bachelor and while working at Ellingson's made his domicile with T. E. Collins at the Ogles house. One fine July day in 1899 he was seen to leave this hotel on a bicycle, headed westward from town. He was not seen nor heard from again until last Wednesday when he called at the home of his sister on Belmont avenue and announced himself. The long lost and mourned, for dead had come to life.

At the Ogles house when he left, his personal effects were all intact, giving no evidence of any intended departure. After a few days and not pressuring himself, the police were communicated with and searchers were sent out over the country and to scrub the West Side for a trace of him.

Advertised cards were inserted in the newspapers, giving his description and offering reward for any information concerning him, dead or alive. It is said that 3,000 printed circulars were issued and sent out to police departments everywhere to keep a lookout and advise his relatives if any tidings was found.

Four months elapsed and not a word was learned of the missing man, despite all the publicity efforts made to gain the slightest clue concerning Christopher. Somewhere on the West Side plains about that time was found a human skeleton, which the coyotes had torn to shreds and pieces were all recognized. The coroner's inquest was convened that these blanched and bleached bones were the remains of Henry E. Christopher. The relatives mourned him for dead as the supposed victim of out play.

On the 12th of October, 1899, the brother-in-law, Frederick Burnham, of the Belmont meat market, who had been a meat peddler for W. A. White, filed in court petition for letters of administration through Attorneys Everts & Ewing and was granted special letters to attend the urgent matters in connection with the estate. In that petition the date of Christopher's death was fixed as the 14th of July, 1899, which corresponded with the time of his last appearance riding away from the Ogles house.

At the beginning all evidence in possession was adduced and the peculiar features attending the disappearance, the gala efforts made to find a clue of him and the discovery of the skeleton were emphasized. The court considered the evidence sufficient to conclude that Christopher was dead then, and the general letters as petitioned for were granted to the brother-in-law by Judge Risley.

Christopher is today with his brother, O. J. Christopher, on the latter's ranch on Valencia Avenue, four miles south of Fresno. At that time of disappearance, Christopher had an estate consisting of lots 18 and 19 of the Estrella vineyard under a contract of purchase for \$3,800, besides personal property of the further value of \$1,300. An next of kin were the sister, Mrs. Anna Burnham, living here, the aged father and mother living in Michigan and a brother named Thomas A.

AGED MINER SUICIDES.
GRASS VALLEY, Cal., Dec. 13.—Allen George, a rancher and miner, aged 79 years, committed suicide yesterday by shooting himself with a rifle in a room at his home. George came to California from Kentucky in 1852. Financial reverses are assigned as the cause of the suicide.

CONFESSED THIEF RETURNED TO CITY

H. Crough, the confessed thief of a bicycle in this city last Friday, and who was apprehended in Tihara by Marshal Court Smith of that place, was returned to Fresno last night by Patrolman Clay Helms. Crough is 18 years of age. He says he stole the wheel and rode to Tihara, where he tried to sell the bike. A charge of petit larceny was lodged against Crough at the county jail. He will plead guilty in the police court.

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Hats Trimmed Free Balance of This Month

Furs For Christmas Gifts

Good furs and good diamonds are usually selected from stores that have the confidence of its patrons.

So much of sham and deceit in the selling of furs that it behoves one to pick his store. Some stores have two prices, one that means full price if you're willing and a lower if you want to shop around. One price at this store because we charge no more than the proper profit that is consistent with fair returns on the investment—here's how but one low price to all alike.

WOMEN'S CONEY SCARF, black dye, good width and length: plain lined \$1.35
Felt length Black Stole Marmot \$2.00
Children's Coney Imitation of Ermine Scarf or Muff \$1.50
Black Coney Collar, two heads of fur tails on each end: plain lining \$2.50
Girls' Gray Coney Sets; muff and scarf \$5.00
Girls' Muskrat Set of Pillow Muff and Scarf \$7.50
Child's White Angora Set; muff and scarf \$4.38
Minkabout Bows, in very pretty colorings and here and there \$8.50

Green Tag Prices Still Hold Good on Women's Garments and Millinery
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